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Obama Vows to Cooperate, Within Limits

President Barack Obama during a news conference in the East Room of the White House in Washington, Nov. 5, 2014. Obama addressed the Republicans' Election Day victories, the Affordable Care Act and the Islamic State, among other issues facing the country.

(Jabin Botsford/ The New York Times)

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama and the incoming Republican

Senate majority leader pledged Wednesday to find common ground and

try to overcome Washington's chronic case of partisan gridlock, while also

warning of inevitable conflicts a day after sweeping Republican gains in the

midterm elections.

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Russia explains why it may snub nuclear summit

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Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia said Wednesday it has decided not to engage in preparations for a nuclear summit in Washington, arguing that it serves little purpose and gives too much weight to the U.S. The statement was the first confirmation by Moscow that it intends to snub the 2016 Nuclear Security Summit in Washington. U.S. and European officials have earlier told The Associated Press that Moscow refused to participate.

The Russian Foreign Ministry said in the statement that the three previous such summits have largely fulfilled the set goals and the new meeting could add little value to that.

It also argued that the U.S. has tried to assume the role of "the main and privileged player" at the forum. The ministry claimed that the U.S. along with the Netherlands and South Korea that hosted the previous summits would play a dominant role in preparing the summit's documents, something that Moscow considers unfair.

It also argued that the final documents of the Washington summit would set the agenda for international organizations, an approach Russia considers wrong.

"We believe it's unacceptable to create a precedent of such outside interference into planning the work of international organizations, which have a more solid expertise and rely on democratic procedures," the statement said. The ministry said that Moscow will focus instead on expanding cooperation within the International Atomic Energy Agency, a U.N. nuclear watchdog.

It said that Russia had informed the U.S. about its decision in mid-October, adding that it saw the leaks in the media as an attempt to force Moscow to change its stance. □

US, France cite concerns on Iran nuclear talks

LARA JAKES

AP National Security Writer

PARIS (AP) — With time running out on the latest round of negotiations, France and the United States on Wednesday stepped up demands for Iran to prove that its nuclear program is peaceful — or risk scuttling the closest chance for a deal in years and losing a chance to ease crippling sanctions on Tehran's economy.

The entreaty to Iran comes days before U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry is to meet with top diplomats to Iran and the European Union to discuss how to break the years-long deadlock before a Nov. 24 deadline. Iran is seeking global recognition for its right to generate nuclear power — which it says it will use for energy, medical and other benign purposes — and the removal of at least some Western penalties against its oil and financial sectors.

But much of the rest of the world fears that Tehran, which has hindered fully transparent inspections of its reactors over the years, wants to build an atomic weapon. "We have presented to them a framework that would allow them to meet their peaceful energy needs," President Barack Obama said Wednesday. "Whether they can manage to say yes to what clearly would be better for Iran, better for the region, and better for the world, is an open question." In Paris, Kerry met with French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius and placed the burden to complete a

deal on Iran.

"They have a right to a peaceful program but not a track to a bomb," Kerry said after his meeting. "We believe it is pretty easy to prove to the world that a plan is peaceful." Fabius called it "very important" for the U.S. and France to keep a united front as the negotiations

are underway, or to embrace any agreement that would allow Tehran to continue generating nuclear power. If that's the case, the November deadline may represent the last shot the White House will get at securing a deal with Iran — a major foreign policy legacy issue for Obama. But Obama also said that inter-

Kerry dismissed questions about whether the GOP's command of Congress would derail the nuclear deal, and said the same sticking points would remain no matter which U.S. political party was in power. "I don't believe that changes either side," he said. "I honestly don't." Congress has very limited



US Secretary of State John Kerry, right, and French Foreign Affairs minister Laurent Fabius give a press conference following talks at the Quai d'Orsay in Paris Wednesday Nov. 5, 2014.

(AP Photo/Nicholas Kamm, Pool)

enter the final stretch. The French diplomat's comments underscored concerns that Washington could change course on its diplomacy with Iran after Jan. 1, when Republicans will control both houses of Congress. Many Republican leaders have criticized the Obama administration's desire to ease sanctions on Iran while the talks

nal politics in Iran could also affect the negotiations. "They have their own politics and there's a long tradition of mistrust between the two countries," he said. "And there's a sizable portion of the political elite that, you know, cut its teeth on anti-Americanism and still finds it convenient to blame America for every ill that there is."

power to influence a potential deal. It could refuse to lift sanctions imposed on Iran, but it can't stop the president from suspending or relieving some of the sanctions by executive order.

And, he noted: "As we have learned in the last few years, the minority has enormous power to stop things from happening." □

Russian ruble hits all-time low; support reduced

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's ruble hit an all-time low on Wednesday after the country's central bank said it would dial back its support for the struggling currency in international markets.

The announcement is a step toward freely floating the currency, which the central bank currently tries to support in foreign exchange markets.

As confidence in the Rus-

sian economy wanes, supporting the ruble is proving increasingly difficult — and expensive. The ruble has lost more than 25 percent this year amid concern over economic sanctions from the United States and the European Union as well as a fall in the price of oil and gas exports.

The Russian Central Bank said Wednesday it would limit its intervention in mar-

kets to \$350 million a day. The bank spent as much as \$3 billion a day in October trying to support the ruble. The announcement saw the ruble drop 3 percent in the day to 44.9 to the dollar in late trading on the MICEX exchange in Moscow.

"This appears to be tantamount to a move towards a freely floating ruble," said Neil Shearing, the chief emerging markets econo-

mist for Capital Economics in London. "To all intents and purposes the old framework has been torn up and replaced with one in which the ruble floats more freely."

Shearing said further drops in the ruble were likely, but his research company was "reasonably comfortable" with forecasting it will stabilize at about 45 to the dollar over the next six months. □

A fish tale: The U.S. Supreme Court and a missing grouper

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday appeared sympathetic to a fisherman who says the government went overboard in prosecuting him for throwing undersized grouper off his boat. But the justices seemed to struggle over how to limit the reach of a law meant to tackle corporate fraud in the wake of the Enron accounting scandal — not to dole out punishment over some discarded fish. The court heard arguments in the case of John Yates, a Florida fishing boat captain who claims he was wrongly convicted of destroying evidence — namely, the fish — that were under the legal minimum catch size in the Gulf of Mexico.

Critics have derided the case as a prime example of government overreach. The Obama administration says it is simply enforcing the plain language of a law that prohibits destruction of "any tangible object" during an investigation.

Justice Antonin Scalia said he was stunned at the very idea that the government decided to prosecute Yates under a statute that could bring up to 20 years in prison. "What kind of a mad prosecutor would try to send this guy up for 20 years," Scalia asked Justice Department attorney Roman Martinez.

Martinez said prosecutors recommended 21 to 27 months in prison and the trial judge only sentenced Yates to 30 days in jail. But he stressed that Yates had disobeyed officers, covered up his scheme and enlisted other crewmembers to lie.

"You make him sound like a mob boss or something," Chief Justice John Roberts said as laughter erupted in the court. Roberts said the law gave the government "extraordinary leverage" to prosecute anyone who throws fish off a boat and get them to plead guilty. He suggested the case was similar to one decided earlier this year, in which the Supreme Court faulted the government for using an anti-terrorism law to prosecute a woman who spread deadly chemicals around the home of her husband's mistress.

Justice Stephen Breyer said the law might be "void for vagueness" if there isn't a clear way to limit its scope. "If you can't draw a line, it seems to me that the risk of arbitrary and discriminatory enforcement is a real one," Breyer said.

The case started in 2007 when a Florida fish and wildlife officer inspected Yates' boat and discovered 72 grouper that appeared to be less than 20 inches long, the minimum length permitted by law. The officer ordered Yates to return to port so the fish could be seized.

But when the vessel arrived, the officer found only 69 undersized fish on board. The officer suspected these were not the same fish he had measured before. A crewmember later testified that Yates had ordered the undersized fish to be tossed overboard and replaced.

Prosecutors charged Yates under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, passed in response to the Enron accounting scandal when scores of documents were shredded to conceal wrongdoing. Part of the law prohibits knowingly altering or destroying "any record, document, or tangible object" with the intent to obstruct an investigation. As frustrated as the justices were with the government's position, they also asked pointed questions of Yates' lawyer, John Badalamenti, a federal public defender. He argued that the phrase "tangible object" only means items used to preserve information such as computers, servers or other storage devices. □

Obama vows to cooperate, within limits

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Obama said he heard the message from voters who on Tuesday put Republicans in power in the U.S. Senate and extended their majority in the House of Representatives, in a clear repudiation of the president's leadership.

"There is no doubt that Republicans had a good night," the president said at the White House.

two years.

At issue now is whether Obama, congressional Democrats and the newly robust Republican majorities will be able to break the partisan fighting and legislative inaction that has gripped the U.S. capital in recent years.

Immigration, which has been seen as potential point of agreement, immediately emerged as an early irritant.

Obama said that unless

the Keystone XL oil pipeline from Canada through the United States, and work to repeal portions of the health care law that stands as Obama's signature domestic accomplishment. He said a tax on medical devices and a mandate for individuals to purchase health insurance are Republican targets.

Obama ruled out ending the requirement for purchasing of health care, a part of the health law Re-



President Barack Obama listens to a question during a news conference in the East Room of the White House, Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2014, in Washington. Obama addressed the Republicans' Election Day victories, the Affordable Care Act and the Islamic State, among other issues facing the country.

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

Obama said he is eager to hear Republican ideas for governing together, citing trade expansion and construction of roads, bridges and other facilities as areas ripe for cooperation. Republican Senate leader Mitch McConnell, who will become the Senate majority leader when the new Congress takes over in January, also said there was potential for agreement on trade pacts.

At the same time, Obama noted, "Congress will pass some bills I cannot sign. I'm pretty sure I will take some actions that some in Congress will not like."

Tuesday's vote gives Republicans momentum heading into the 2016 presidential race, which becomes the focus of American politics for the next

Congress takes action by the end of the year, he will order a reduction in deportations of working immigrants living in the country illegally.

He made his pledge a short while after McConnell warned that any executive action that Obama might take on immigration would only antagonize Republicans. He said the new Republican majority in the Senate wants to act on immigration.

McConnell said he spoke with Obama on Wednesday and says he looks forward to finding areas where Republicans and Democrats can agree, including rewriting the tax code.

Beyond that, he made it clear Congress will vote on legislation to approve

publicans repudiate as a government overreach. But he pointedly did not reject repeal of the tax, which many Democrats as well as Republicans have already signaled they are ready to jettison.

Republicans are also expected to mount a major attack on federal deficits. With lawmakers planning to return to Washington next week, Obama invited congressional leaders to a meeting Friday.

Obama could use the president's veto power if Republicans pass bills he opposes, such as a repeal of the health care law. Overriding a presidential veto requires a two-thirds vote in each chamber of Congress, an unlikely scenario. □

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NY mom guilty of manslaughter in son's death

JENNIFER PELTZ

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) —

A health care millionaire who fatally drugged her developmentally disabled son was convicted of manslaughter Wednesday in what her defense portrayed as a mercy killing by a mother trying to escape a labyrinth of fear and despair.

Gigi Jordan had been charged with murder after her 8-year-old son's death in a pill-strewn luxury hotel room in February 2010. Jurors found her guilty of the lesser charge of manslaughter after her lawyers argued she was overcome by emotion when she killed Jude Mirra and tried to kill herself.

She faces up to 25 years in prison. The murder charge could have put her behind bars for life. Her sentencing hasn't been set, but she's due back in court in January.

The jury has "held the defendant accountable for killing her non-verbal, autistic child. Gigi Jordan



Gigi Jordan, the multimillionaire mother charged with killing her autistic 8-year-old son, appears in Manhattan Supreme court in New York. Jordan was convicted by a jury of manslaughter Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2014 and faces up to 25 years in prison when sentenced.

(AP Photo/Mary Altaffer)

showed no mercy to her son, and should receive none at the time of her sentencing," Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance Jr. said in a statement.

Her lawyer Earl Ward said, "This was never a case of

Police:

Man killed girlfriend, put photos online

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Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — Police say a man in Washington state

killed his girlfriend, posted pictures of her body online with chilling descriptions of the killing, and wrote that he wanted authorities to find him and kill him.

Amber Lynn Coplin's body was found hours after her 13-year-old son heard her arguing with her live-in boyfriend, David Kalac. An arrest warrant was issued for Kalac, who is suspected of second-degree murder.

Deputy Scott Wilson with the Kitsap County sheriff's office said detectives have confirmed that gruesome photos posted on a website are of the victim and the crime scene.

Authorities believe Kalac escaped in Coplin's car and police about 160 miles

(257 kilometers) away in Portland, Oregon, briefly chased him early Wednesday.

"He's our primary suspect," Wilson said Wednesday. "It stands to reason that in all likelihood he is the person who posted those photographs."

Police say they found Coplin's body in a bedroom. Near her head was her driver's license with the word "dead" written on it. The words "bad news" were written on blinds. And the words "she killed me first" was written on a picture on the wall.

Coplin's son told police that his mother and Kalac argued loudly Monday night, court records show. The teen told police he thought his mom was sleeping in and Kalac was gone when he left the apartment

murder and the jury after careful and thoughtful deliberation arrived at that very conclusion."

A nurse who made an estimated \$40 million as a medical entrepreneur, Jordan left her career to seek care around the country for her nearly mute, often tormented-seeming son. He was initially diagnosed autistic, though she has said other medical explanations followed, as varying as immune-system disorders and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Prosecutors said Jordan, 53, killed the boy with chilling determination, plunging a deadly combination of painkillers and other medications down his throat with a syringe, because she couldn't handle knowing his condition would never be cured. □

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2 NYC police officers facing brutality charges

NEW YORK (AP) — Two New York City police officers pleaded not guilty

Wednesday to assault charges in the beating of a teenage marijuana sus-

pect who prosecutors say never put up a fight. David Afanador and

in state court in Brooklyn. Afterward, Worth said a widely watched security video of the encounter was misleading. He said the teen was "noncompliant" throughout the encounter. Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson, speaking to reporters, called the video convincing evidence of police brutality.

"We had a 16-year-old boy with his hands up, seeking to surrender, who was attacked by members of the force who are supposed to protect him. ... He was defenseless," Thompson said. Authorities say the incident began on Aug. 29 when the patrolmen saw the teen toss a bag of marijuana and start running. The video shows the teen slowing down on a Brooklyn sidewalk as the officers catch up to him.

The tape then appears to show Isaac hitting the teen with a punch. Seconds later — as the teen backs away, raises his hands and leans against a wall — Afanador appears to hit him with his pistol. The beating continues until the teen

drops to the ground and is handcuffed.

The NYPD's Internal Affairs Bureau began investigating the arrest and found the video after the teen spoke up about a mouth injury. Medical records showed that he lost at least two teeth.

News of the excessive-force investigation surfaced last month amid an uproar over the death of an unarmed man, Eric Garner, during another videotaped arrest in July. The medical examiner ruled that a banned chokehold used by one of the arresting officers contributed to Garner's death.

Afanador, 33, faces up to seven years in prison if convicted of felony assault in the latest case. Isaac, 36, faces up to a year if convicted of misdemeanor assault. Both have been suspended from the police force.

Police Commissioner William Bratton has said he's eager to identify abusive officers and kick them out of the nation's largest police department. □



New York police officers David Afanador, left, and Tyraine Isaac, right, leave state court following their arraignment, Wednesday Nov. 5, 2014, in New York. A security video that captured both officers during the arrest of a teen drug suspect has prompted an investigation of alleged abuse by the officers.

Ex-NFL cheerleader charged with having sex with a teen

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Associated Press

GEORGETOWN, Delaware

(AP) — A former Baltimore Ravens cheerleader and the estranged wife of a prominent Maryland energy executive was arraigned Wednesday in Delaware on charges of having sex with a 15-year-old boy who attends school with at least one of her children.

A grand jury indicted Molly Shattuck, 47, on Monday on two counts of third-degree rape, four counts of unlawful sexual contact and three counts of providing alcohol to minors, Delaware State Police Sgt. Paul Shavack said. She was released on \$84,000 bond after an arraignment Wednesday.

Defense attorney Eugene Maurer said Shattuck has pleaded not guilty. Her next court appearance will be at a Dec. 15 case review.

"Like anybody who would be charged with an offense of this nature, she's

quite distraught and dealing with it the best she can," Maurer added. "Obviously, she's very upset about it." On Sept. 26, a 15-year-old boy told police that Shattuck began an inappropriate relationship with him near Baltimore and that it culminated with sexual activity at a vacation rental home in August, Shavack said. Police executed a search warrant on Shattuck's home Oct. 1 and seized items. Shavack declined to specify what they were.

The indictment alleges that Shattuck provided alcohol to three boys under the legal age for drinking on Aug. 30 and Aug. 31. It charges that she had sexual contact with one boy on or about Aug. 31, the Sunday of Labor Day weekend.

In Delaware, third-degree rape applies to several instances, including when an older person has sex with an underage person. It is a Class B felony, punishable by two to 25 years in prison. □

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Tyraine Isaac sat expressionless as defense attorney Stephen Worth entered the plea for them

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From left, Topher Jones, of Denton, Texas, Edward Hartmann, of Dallas and Angie Holliday of Denton, Texas, hold a campaign sign outside city hall, in Denton, Texas. Tensions are mounting as big oil companies and hydraulic fracturing opponents try to sway voters to their side over a referendum that would make Denton the first Texas city to ban further permitting of the drilling practice known as fracking.

(AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez)

Texas city ready for fracking fight

DENTON, Texas (AP) — A Texas city that sits atop a natural gas reserve is preparing for an extended court battle after voters made it the first in the state to ban further hydraulic fracturing — a fight that cities nationwide considering similar laws likely will be watching closely.

An energy industry group and the state's little-known but powerful General Land Office responded quickly to the measure Denton voters approved Tuesday night, filing a petition Wednesday in district court seeking an injunction to stop the ban from being enforced.

The ban could lead to similar bans in other Texas cities, threatening an "energy renaissance" in shale gas from hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, said David Porter, a commissioner on

the Texas Railroad Commission, the state's oil and gas regulator.

Dozens of cities in other states have considered similar bans over health and environmental concerns. But Denton, a university town north of Dallas, is a test of whether any community in Texas — the nation's biggest oil and gas producer — could push back against the industry and still thrive.

Fracking involves blasting a mix of water, sand and chemicals deep into underground rock formations to release trapped oil and gas. The recent rise of fracking in the U.S. by shale oil producers has boosted U.S. oil output to the highest level in decades.

But some communities worry about effects on the environment, including water and air pollution.

Nationally, courts have come down on both sides of the issue.

New York's highest court determined that local governments have land-use powers to say where oil and gas wells can be located, even to the extent of an outright ban. But a judge in Boulder, Colorado, ruled that a fracking ban interfered with the state's interests, which take precedence there.

Battling the fracking ban will be the first fight for Texas Land Commissioner-elect George P. Bush, who is the nephew of one U.S. president and the grandson of another. The founding manager of an energy and infrastructure consultancy, Bush promoted the economic benefits of hydraulic fracturing throughout his campaign. □

Feeding the homeless is act of charity or a crime?

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Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida (AP) — To Arnold Abbot, feeding the homeless in a public park in Florida was an act of charity. But to the city of Fort Lauderdale, the 90-year-old man was committing a crime.

Arnold and two Florida ministers were arrested last weekend as they handed out food. They were charged with breaking a new ordinance restricting public feeding of the homeless, and each faces up to 60 days in jail and a \$500 fine. "One of the police officers said, 'Drop that plate right now,' as if I were carrying a weapon," Abbott told television station WPLG. Fort Lauderdale is the latest city to pass restrictions on feeding homeless people in public places as residents and businesses worry that their neighborhoods will become magnets for the homeless. Advocates for the homeless say the cities are fighting to control growing numbers but that simply passing ordinances doesn't work. "Street feeding programs don't work," said Robert Marbut, a consultant and expert on homelessness in the U.S. "Outlawing it doesn't work, either. ... You're never going to have a good day arresting a priest."

In the past two years, more than 30 cities have tried to introduce laws similar to Fort Lauderdale's, according to the National Coalition for the Homeless. The efforts come as more military veterans face homelessness and after two harsh winters drove homeless people south, especially to Florida, Marbut said.

In Fort Lauderdale, the arrests haven't deterred Abbott, Dwayne Black and Mark Sims. The ministers were back at church Wednesday preparing meals for a feeding at a public park later that night.

Mayor Jack Seiler said he thinks the three have good intentions, but that the city can't discriminate in enforcing the law. He said it was passed to ensure that public places are open to everyone.

Black noted that the ordinance passed after a long meeting after midnight, when many people had gone home. He said he knows there's a good chance he'll be arrested, but he wants to be there to "reopen the discussion on this ordinance."

"If that's what happens, that's what happens," Black said. Police said the men were not taken into custody and that they were given notices to appear in court, where the matter will ultimately be decided by a judge. Fort Lauderdale's ordinance took effect Friday. It is one of five laws dealing with the homeless that Fort Lauderdale passed in May. The others ban people from leaving their belongings unattended, outlaw panhandling at medians in streets, and strengthen defecation and urination laws, according to Michael Stoops, director of community organizing for the National Coalition for the Homeless. □



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US Financial Front:

American services firms' growth slows, but hiring up

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. services firms expanded more slowly in October, but the pace of growth was still healthy. Hiring also rose to the fastest pace in more than nine years.

The Institute for Supply Management said Wednesday that its services index dropped to 57.1 in October, down from 58.6 in September. That was the second straight drop after the index had risen steadily since February to 59.6 in August, the highest in eight years. Any reading over 50 indicates expansion.

Steady hiring this year means more Americans are earning paychecks, which supports spending at retail stores, hotels and other service companies. While solid, Wednesday's data indicates that growth among service firms is cooling off a bit after rapid expansion earlier this year.

The ISM is a trade group of purchasing managers. Its survey of services firms covers businesses that employ 90 percent of the American workforce, including retail, construction, health care and financial services firms.

Sixteen industries tracked by the survey reported growth, led by construction, retail and agriculture. Two industries shrank: arts, entertainment and recreation, and finance and insurance.

A gauge of hiring rose to 59.6, its highest level in nine years. That increase suggests that Friday's government report on jobs and unemployment could show another strong gain. Earlier Wednesday, payroll processor ADP said businesses added 230,000



Christi Ferretti, co-owner and chef of Pine Valley Market, cuts kale at the market in Wilmington, N.C. The Institute for Supply Management, a trade group of purchasing managers, issued its index of non-manufacturing activity for October on Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2014.

(AP Photo/The Star-News, Matt Born)

jobs last month, the most in four months and a sign of healthy hiring. And Jim O'Sullivan, an economist at

High Frequency Economics, noted that October's 57.1 is still far above the average reading of 54.4 in

the first half of the year. Still, there were plenty of signs that growth among service firms may have reached a

plateau after accelerating for most of this year. A gauge of new orders fell nearly two points to 59.1, and a measure of order backlogs also fell.

"The majority of the respondents' comments reflect favorable business conditions," said Anthony Nieves, chair of the ISM's services index committee. "However, there is an indication that there continues to be a leveling off from the strong rate of growth of the preceding months."

New export orders fell sharply, to 53.5 from 57.5 in September, a sign that slowing growth overseas is beginning to impact U.S. firms. However, most of the firms responding to the survey are focused on the U.S. market and don't have any international business. Only about 35 percent said they had any overseas sales. □

Philip Morris International: New US tobacco deal

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AP Tobacco Writer

RICHMOND, Virginia (AP)

— Philip Morris International Inc. announced Wednesday that it is partnering with two U.S. tobacco leaf suppliers to buy its tobacco rather than working directly with farmers. The seller of Marlboro and other cigarette brands overseas said the agreements with Virginia-based Universal Corp. and North Carolina-based Alliance One International Inc. take effect in April and will help the company "achieve important supply chain efficiencies while remaining a major purchaser of U.S.-grown tobacco." About 35 Richmond-based employees will be impacted by the change.

Philip Morris International, based in New York and Switzerland, already works with Universal and Alliance One to purchase tobacco all over the world.

According to its website, more than 70 percent of Philip Morris International's tobacco comes from Brazil, Turkey, the U.S., Malawi, Indonesia, China, Argentina, Philippines, Mozambique and Tanzania.

The move will also require the leaf suppliers to adhere to Philip Morris International's policies that prohibit workers under 18 from some of the most hazardous tasks, including harvesting tobacco. The company does allow children to work with seedlings or in barns sorting dried tobacco leaves,

but it may prohibit those activities depending on circumstances.

In May, a Human Rights Watch report raised concerns about children working on U.S. tobacco farms. Nearly three-quarters of the children interviewed by the group reported vomiting, nausea and headaches while working on tobacco farms. Those symptoms are consistent with nicotine poisoning, often called Green Tobacco Sickness, which occurs when workers absorb nicotine through their skin while handling tobacco plants.

The report by the international rights group jump-started efforts from public health advocates and lawmakers to get kids off

tobacco farms. Two years ago, the Obama administration backed off a rule that would've banned children from dangerous agriculture jobs. Human Rights Watch, which had previously noted that Philip Morris International has the "most detailed and protective" labor policies, applauded the company's move Wednesday.

Philip Morris International is the world's second-biggest cigarette seller, behind state-controlled China National Tobacco Corp. Richmond-based Altria Group Inc., the owner of Philip Morris USA, spun off Philip Morris International as a separate company in 2008. Altria is the largest U.S. cigarette seller. □

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American Living: Survey finds people text and drive knowing dangers

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Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Nearly everyone agrees that texting and driving is dangerous. Many people do it anyway.

In an AT&T-sponsored survey of drivers who text daily

— regardless of where they are — 98 percent said they were aware of the dangers of texting behind the wheel. Nonetheless, three-quarters of them admitted to texting while driving, despite broad public-service campaigns and laws against it in some states.

Two-thirds said they have read text messages while stopped at a red light or stop sign, while more than a quarter said they have sent texts while driving. More than a quarter of those who texted while driving believed they "can easily do several things at once, even while driving."

The telephone survey of 1,004 U.S. adults was released Wednesday by AT&T Inc. as part of an anti-texting-and-driving campaign. AT&T designed the survey with David Greenfield, founder of The Center for Internet and Technology Addiction and a professor at the University of Connecticut's School of Medicine.

The survey came as AT&T expanded availability of a free app that silences text message alerts and activates automatically when a person is moving 15 miles per hour or faster. (Passengers can turn it off.) The DriveMode app is coming to iPhones after being previously available on Android and BlackBerry phones for AT&T users only. The iPhone version will be available to customers of competing carriers as well, but some functions will

work only on AT&T devices. The study in May was of cellphone owners ages 16 to 65 who drive almost every day and text at least once a day. It has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points.

people's attitudes and behaviors.

It found a broad range of reasons why drivers text. Forty-three percent of the texting drivers said they want to "stay connected" to friends, family and work. Nearly a third did it out of

— Just 6 percent answered that they are "addicted to texting," although 14 percent admitted that they are "anxious" if they don't respond to a text right away, and 17 percent feel "a sense of satisfaction" when they can read or re-

on my phone when I drove was something I did all the time. It was just driving to me. I guess you'd call it ignorance but I never understood that it was dangerous. How could me being on the phone cause a car accident?"



A man uses his cell phone as he drives through traffic in Dallas. In a new survey, 98 percent of motorists who own cellphones and text regularly were aware of the dangers, yet three-quarters of them admit to texting while driving, despite laws against it in some states. Two-thirds said they have read text messages while stopped at a red light or stop sign, while more than a quarter said they have sent texts while driving.

Researchers conducted surveys with people on their cellphones, and it's possible those who would have picked up on a landline might have different attitudes. It's also possible attitudes among those who don't text as often are different. It wasn't immediately known what portion of daily drivers text less than once a day, excluding them from the survey. Greenfield said the survey is the latest to show a discrepancy between peo-

habit.

Among other reasons for texting and driving:

— Twenty-eight percent said they are worried about missing out of something important if they don't check their phones right away.

— More than a quarter believes that their driving performance is not affected by texting, and just as many people said they believe that others expect them to respond to texts "right away."

spond to a text message.

Reggie Shaw was 19 in 2006 when he caused a car accident while texting, killing two people. Today, he speaks out against texting and driving.

"It's something I struggle with every day," he said. "I know that I need to go out and talk to others about it. I don't want others to make the same mistake I did."

Shaw does not remember what he was texting about right before the accident. Back then, he said, "being

(AP Photo/LM Otero)

Today, his phone is off when he's driving. Never in the past eight years since the accident, he says, has he gotten a phone call or text message that was so important that it couldn't wait until he stopped the car.

Greenfield, who studies the effects of digital technology on the brain, likes to call smartphones "the world's smallest slot machines" because they affect the brain in similar ways that gambling or drugs can. □

2 drivers plow into Israelis as tensions rise in Jerusalem

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JERUSALEM - Amid heightened tensions over an important holy site, two drivers, in separate incidents, plowed their cars into Israelis on Wednesday, and Jordan recalled its ambassador from Israel.

Israeli police said at least one of the crashes, in which a Palestinian drove into pedestrians in Jerusalem, killing one and injuring a dozen, was "a terrorist attack." In the second incident, in the West Bank, a driver who has yet to be identified ran over three soldiers, injuring them in what the military suspected was another deliberate attack.

If it was, the crash would be the third such assault on pedestrians in recent weeks, raising fears of a possible new Palestinian intifada, or uprising.

Israel has been struggling to manage a volatile situation both at home and with Jordan, a crucial ally, driven in good part by disagreements over the holy site in Jerusalem; Jordan is the official custodian there while Israel handles security. Friction has been increasing in recent months as some Israelis have been pushing to be allowed to pray at the site, which is revered by Muslims and Jews.

In the vehicle attack in Je-

rusalem on Wednesday, an Israeli police spokesman said, the driver was shot dead by police officers at the scene after he got out of his vehicle and tried to attack officers and bystanders with an iron bar. Micky Rosenfeld, a police spokesman, identified the Israeli man who was killed as Jidaan Asad, 38, a border police officer from the Druse village of Beit Jann in northern Israel. Police said the attacker had connections with Hamas.

In the similar attack late last month, a Palestinian man, a resident of East Jerusalem, drove into pedestrians, killing a 3-month-old baby and a young woman from Ecuador.

The driver of the car that hit the soldiers escaped. Simmering tensions over the holy site - known to Jews as Temple Mount and to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary - boiled over last week when Israel closed it for one day for the first time in years, saying it feared violence.

Leaders of Hamas, the Islamic militant group that dominates Gaza, praised the attack on Wednesday in Jerusalem without taking responsibility for it.

"We send our congratulations to those who carried out the attack," Sami Abu Zuhri, a Hamas spokesman, said in a telephone interview.



An Israeli fire fighter walks at the scene of an attack in Jerusalem, Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2014. A Palestinian man rammed his car into a crowded train platform in east Jerusalem on Wednesday and then attacked people with an iron bar, killing one person and injuring 13 in what authorities called a terror attack before he was shot dead by the police. The militant Islamic group Hamas took responsibility for the attack.

(AP Photo/Sebastian Scheiner)

Three men with drone by French nuke site arrested

PARIS (AP) — Three men in their 20s have been arrested in possession of a drone near a French nuclear reactor, the first such arrests since a spate of mysterious drone overflights of reactors began in early October.

There have been at least 15 sightings of drones over nuclear reactors around France, raising security concerns in a country heavily dependent on atomic energy for electricity.

The zone around nuclear

plants is off limits. The National Gendarmerie said the men were being questioned after being found with a drone Wednesday afternoon near the Belleville-sur-Loire reactor in the Cher region south of Paris.

It didn't immediately provide more details.

The drones — unmanned aircraft — that overflew nuclear plants ranged from very small to one spanning two meters (six feet).

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Horror hits Hong Kong's famed red-light district

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Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — For generations of Western men, Hong Kong's Wan Chai neighborhood captured all the mystery and hedonism of this financial capital known around the world as the Pearl of the Orient.

Prostitutes, strippers and bar girls entertained visiting sailors and businessmen at all hours in these neon-filled blocks, even as working-class Hong Kongers went about their business around them. And despite all the vice, foreigners could count on being able to walk home safely in the wee hours, while many prostitutes worked independently, without protection. Now, the neighborhood has been jolted by an unspeakable crime, the gruesome killings of two young Indonesian women, with a British banker the sole suspect. Even as the music and drinks continue flowing in Wan Chai's bars, people say the murders have cast a pall on the freewheeling streets.

"If you go with somebody, and you don't know who they are, that's what could

happen to you," said Allen Youngblood, an American jazz pianist who has lived in Hong Kong since 1992. "You roll the dice, and you don't know who's who."

sih and 25-year-old Sumarti Ningsih. Police found the bodies in Jutting's 31st-floor apartment, Ningsih with stab wounds to the buttock and neck and Mu-

when officers arrived. On Wednesday, several regulars in a British-themed bar called Old China Hand on Lockhart Road in the heart of the red-light district



Bar girls sit outside a night club in Hong Kong's Wan Chai district Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2014.
(AP photo/Vincent Yu)

Hong Kong police have charged 29-year-old British banker Rurik George Caton Jutting with two counts of murder in the deaths of 29-year-old Seneng Mujia-

jiasih stuffed into a suitcase left on the balcony, also with cuts to her neck. Police were alerted by Jutting himself, and was waiting for them in his apartment

said they knew Jutting and Mujiasih. A Filipino bartender, who identified herself only as Lisa, said she remembered Mujiasih approaching

strangers in the bar, always ready to chat them up.

"If you didn't know her, she would come and talk to you," the bartender said. "She had a lot of jokes. She loved meeting people. It is just a sad thing."

Youngblood called Jutting a bully who used his bulky body to push his way through crowds and drink from other's glasses.

"He wanted to get two or three girls at the same time," he said while sipping a vodka tonic. "He had a lot of money and used it on women. There are a lot of guys around here like that."

On any given night, scores of foreign men and young, made-up Asian women fill the pubs on Lockhart Road, while outside on the sidewalk, hostesses in cocktail dresses swarm passing Western men, hoping to entice them into booming nightclubs.

That seedy scene long defined Hong Kong to outsiders, even as prostitution became more established in other neighborhoods, said John Carroll, a professor who specializes in the city's history at the University of Hong Kong.

"When they think of Wan Chai, for a lot of people, they think of Suzie Wong," he said, referring to the fictional Hong Kong prostitute in a 1957 book about the city's sex industry. "But there's much more to Wan Chai."

The neighborhood on Hong Kong island now includes middle-class apartment towers as well as blocks with some of the highest land prices in the world. Even the red-light district has been transforming, with luxury stores and shopping centers moving in and rents shooting up.

Mortar fire on Syria school kills 13 children

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Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Mortar rounds slammed into a school Wednesday in a rebel-held suburb east of Damascus, killing at least 13 children whose limp, bloodied bodies were later laid out on the floor of a crowded field hospital awaiting burial, activists said.

Syrian children often have been the victims of the country's civil war, now in its fourth year, but they

rarely are specifically targeted. Still, Wednesday's attack in the town of Qaboun marked the most serious violence against Syrian minors since a twin suicide bombing killed at least 25 children in a government-controlled neighborhood in the central city of Homs in October.

Three mortar shells struck the Haya School in Qaboun before noon, said a local activist who uses the name Abu Akram al-Sha-

mi. Another activist based near Damascus, Amar al-Hassan, also reported the incident, as did Rami Abdurrahman of the Britain-based Syrian Observatory For Human Rights.

Abdurrahman said 13 children were killed, but the number likely would rise. A local activist collective, the Qaboun Media Office, put the death toll at 17 children. Conflicting casualty figures are common after such incidents.

In an amateur video posted online, the lifeless bodies of at least nine of the children with bloodied clothes lie on a white tile floor. Streaks of blood stain the floor. In another video, a woman breaks through the crowd at the medical facility, beating her chest and wailing in grief and shock. "My son, my son!" she weeps. The videos appeared genuine and corresponded to Associated Press reporting of the incident.

Heavy rains kill 12 in Haiti, cause severe flooding

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— Twelve people have died in Haiti as a result of heavy rains unleashed by a cluster of storms in the northern Caribbean, authorities said Wednesday. Cap-Haitien Mayor Yvon Alteon said four more bodies had been found, in addition to the eight deaths reported earlier. He said

that some 5,000 people were in shelters and that flooding at the airport forced the cancellation of several flights.

Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe said the government would spend about \$740,000 to help communities affected by the rains and distribute food and water-purifying equipment.

"We share the pain and sorrow of all the families who became victims of the floods," he said, adding that a group of government officials were traveling to Haiti's northern region on Wednesday to assess the damage. Authorities said earlier that multiple crops were damaged and that numerous

animals including goats, cows and chickens have died.

Heavy flooding also was reported in the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico. Police in Puerto Rico said a 51-year-old tourist identified as Reynald Haines drowned after currents swept him away at

a beach in the popular tourist district of Condado. Police said they did not immediately know where he was from.

A high surf advisory was in effect for the region. The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said the storms were expected to strengthen slightly as they moved northwestward. □

Brazil: Rich nations must reduce carbon emissions

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Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) —

Brazil's environment minister said Wednesday that her nation will be a protagonist at an upcoming climate change conference in Peru and will hold developed nations accountable for strong commitments to reduce carbon emissions.

Minister Izabella Teixeira said she wants developed nations like the United States to detail their plans to reduce carbon emissions at the next round of global negotiations set to take place next month in Lima, Peru.

Teixeira spoke to The Associated Press on the sidelines of a Climate Reality Leadership Corps Training session in Rio de Janeiro, led by former U.S. Vice President Al Gore. She said the Peru summit is essential for creating the roadmap for a global agreement to reduce emissions that will be negotiated at a Paris climate summit next year.

"We want (developed) nations to make promises for strategic reductions of emissions — that is what we're looking for in Lima,"

Teixeira said. "What's their plan?"

Reaching a global agreement on the reduction of carbon emissions after two

tries like China and other big developing countries to set ambitious targets. But developing nations say industrialized countries

they long ago destroyed their own forests and are among the biggest emitters of carbon.

In 2009, Brazil said it would



Brazil's Environment Minister Izabella Teixeira speaks during an interview in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2014. Teixeira says her nation will assume a protagonist role at a climate change conference in Peru, and will hold developed nations accountable for commitments to reduce carbon emissions.

(AP Photo/Felipe Dana)

decades of negotiations has long pitted the developed against the developing world.

Rich nations call on coun-

tries to have a historical responsibility to lead the fight against global warming and to help poorer nations cope with its impact, since

voluntarily reduce its carbon emissions by 39 percent by 2020 — a target the government has said it should meet four years

early.

Brazil has made strides by sharply reducing deforestation of the Amazon rainforest overall since 2008. About 75 percent of Brazil's carbon emissions come from destruction of the Amazon, as vegetation burns and felled trees rot. The forest is also seen by many as the biggest natural defense against global warming, acting as a giant absorber of carbon dioxide.

Teixeira said that about 47 percent of Brazil's primary energy supply comes from renewable sources and that up to 75 percent of the electricity the nation generates is renewable, mostly hydroelectric.

The U.S. government, by comparison, says 10 percent of its primary energy supply and 13 percent of its electricity comes from renewable resources.

"I want to know what the OECD nations will do to duplicate our efforts," Teixeira said, referring to the world's richest 20 nations. "How will they come close to having nearly 50 percent of their entire energy matrix coming from renewable energy?" □

Paraguay: woman accused of witchcraft burned alive

ASUNCION, Paraguay (AP)

— An indigenous woman was burned alive in Paraguay after being accused of witchcraft, a local prosecutor confirmed Wednesday.

Prosecutor Fany Aguilera said that members of the Mbya Guarani ethnic group tied 45-year-old Adolrina Ocampos to a wooden pole and shot

arrows at her before they burned her alive. Ocampos was sentenced to death last week by the community's chief in Tahehyi, a village some 180 miles (290 kilometers) north of the capital, Asuncion. The date of the killing was unclear.

Aguilera has charged nine men in the village with first-degree murder, and they

have already acknowledged killing the woman. A report by the UN Refugee Agency estimates that thousands of people worldwide are accused of being witches every year. The UN says they are often abused, cast out of their families and communities and sometimes killed. But the case here is unusual.

"I've been working in Paraguay for 40 years and I can't remember a similar episode of an execution for alleged sorcery," said Jose Zanardini, an Italian anthropologist and Catholic priest. "The tragic death of this woman is isolated and out of the ordinary within the coexistence of Paraguay's 20 ethnic indigenous groups. In gen-

eral, the Indians are very peaceful and tolerant." The state agency for the protection of indigenous peoples said in a statement Wednesday that "although the indigenous communities are ruled by customary law, their acts cannot violate the constitutional rights of respecting the life and the liberty of people." □

As Samsung falters, Mysterious scion waits in the wings

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AP Technology Writer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) —

As Samsung's smartphone business suffers a dizzying decline, another issue is vexing investors.

ning reversal. Earnings from Samsung's smartphone business began declining this year, undermined by lukewarm sales of the Galaxy S5 smartphone and the competitive onslaught

such as Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg, Apple CEO Tim Cook and China's President Xi Jinping, but has never given an interview. Samsung declined to comment on his role at the com-



Samsung Electronics Co. Chief Operating Officer Lee Jae-yong arrives at the Allen and Company Sun Valley Conference in Sun Valley, Idaho.

Command of one of the world's most valuable consumer brands will eventually pass to the son of its ailing patriarch whose business abilities remain a mystery despite being elevated two years ago to a top role at the company. Expectations of a leadership shift at Samsung intensified after the chairman of the flagship company, Samsung Electronics Co., suffered a heart attack in May. Lee Kun-hee, 72, remains hospitalized and has never publicly named his only son, Lee Jae-yong, as heir apparent. But within the financial world and South Korea, where Samsung's annual sales equal a quarter of the economy, there is little doubt he'll be the third generation of the Lee family to head the sprawling business.

The 46-year-old was promoted to vice-chairman level in 2012 after joining the company in 1991. His increasing sway comes as Samsung's rapid success with the smartphone product category pioneered by rival Apple Inc. is undergoing an equally stun-

from cheaper Chinese brands.

"There is no information to know the track record of his leadership, his crisis management ability and how he carried out his business vision," said Park Yoo-kyung of APG Asset Management Asia, a Dutch fund which is a Samsung investor.

"When shareholders approve management during the shareholders meeting, they do not know the most important profile," said Park.

The little that is known about Lee paints a picture of a privileged and rarified existence. Kim Yong-chul, Samsung's former top lawyer, who authored a book exposing corruption at Samsung, wrote that Lee had little understanding about the lives of ordinary people and was not embarrassed by that.

A substantial part of his \$4.7 billion fortune stems from access to shares in Samsung-affiliated companies before they went public. He has increasingly become a public face of Samsung, meeting people

pany. South Korea's media increasingly attributes big decisions at Samsung Electronics, the crown jewel of the Samsung empire, to Lee. His known business record, however, includes the failure of Samsung's Internet ventures in 2000. Lee sold his stake to other Samsung affiliates a year later. Smartphone troubles are the most obvious and immediate challenge for the Harvard-educated Lee. Earnings from Samsung's mobile business plunged by nearly 75 percent last quarter as Chinese competitors such as Xiaomi wooed customers in developing nations. But there are other tests facing him. Founded in 1938 by Lee's grandfather Lee Byung-chull, Samsung bulked into an empire offering washing machines, finance and semiconductors during an era when South Korea's government gave cheap finance to companies in a rush to catch up with Japan and other developed nations. What mattered were results. How they were achieved was less important. □

(AP Photo/Paul Sakuma)

OPEC shaken by Saudi move

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Associated Press

VIENNA (AP) — Saudi Arabia showed little concern for fellow OPEC members by unilaterally cutting its oil prices to the U.S. this week, a move that casts doubts on the cartel's credibility and its ability to find a common plan to stabilize the slumping energy market. And while OPEC struggles to find consensus, oil prices risk remaining low — or falling further — to the benefit of consumers and businesses in the U.S. and worldwide.

OPEC is already riven by differences among its members on what the ideal price level should be. That is exemplified in the rivalry between heavyweights Saudi Arabia, which can withstand lower prices, and Iran, which relies on a stronger market to remain profitable. The Saudis' unexpected move on Monday to cut prices to the U.S., aimed at protecting their market share there, will exacerbate those conflicts — weighing on the market and hurting most other OPEC members economically.

"At the end of the day, this is still the Saudis' cartel for better or worse, and for smaller members this is definitely worse," says oil analyst Phil Flynn, alluding to the fact that despite OPEC's credo of consensus and unity, the organization is de-facto controlled by its top producer.

The prime motivator for the Saudis is to compete against U.S. shale oil. But John Hall, chairman at Alfa Energy, sees other benefits for the desert kingdom. Russia, which competes with OPEC, is already hurting from low oil prices and Saudis are tightening the vise — "seizing the opportunity to reduce prices, hit Russia and hit Iran in one go," he says.

When the cartel meets later this month to discuss how to manage the recent market slump, tensions are likely to fly high — and hopes for concerted action are low. Flynn calls the current price slump the "biggest threat (to OPEC's unity) since oil hit the \$10 range" 15 years ago.

The price of crude hit three-year lows on Tuesday on news of the Saudi move. On Wednesday, the benchmark New York contract recovered only slightly to trade just above \$77 a barrel. The international grade of crude also hit multi-year lows.

These levels are manageable for the Saudi government, as its coffers are well-padded and its oil production costs are relatively cheap.

Not so for many others within the 12-nation oil producing organization with higher extraction costs and national budgets dependent on higher crude revenues. Even without the Saudi price discounts, Iran's ability to export oil was slashed by international sanctions imposed over its nuclear program. Tehran, which once hoped to displace the Saudis as OPEC's top producer, has seen its oil revenues nearly halved as a result. If sanctions were to be lifted as part of a nuclear agreement later this year, Iran still would need prices close to \$140 a barrel to finance the government budget. Crude export revenues finance more than 50 percent of the government's outlays.

Venezuela will also be hurt. The International Monetary Fund says Venezuela needs to sell oil at around \$120 a barrel to avoid the threat of national bankruptcy. Bank of America estimates that for every dollar that oil prices drop, the state loses \$770 million in net revenue over a year. That puts revenue \$12 billion a year below peak levels even if current prices don't fall further.

Venezuela traditionally supports Iran in calling for high oil prices and OPEC meetings and the Saudi price concessions mean it will push that demand even harder at the Nov. 27 OPEC ministerial gathering. □

LOCAL Aruba TODAY

Senor Frogs Organized This Years Best Halloween Weekend On The Island And Gave Away Amazing Prizes!



PALM BEACH - Last Friday, Senor Frogs Aruba kicked off with their Halloween



event the way Halloween is supposed to be celebrated! Classic Horror style was the theme of this great event and many scary and sexy costumed men and women joined in. Great DJ's played the hottest dance tunes all night. They continued the party on Saturday and Sunday with their typical Mexican "noche de muertos" also known as the day of the dead par-



ty this included a special menu for a special price. In case you missed out this year, make a note in your 2015 calendar and make sure to be a part of it. It was amazing to see how people dressed up for

this event. The scary jury was walking around to see who was wearing the most original costume. The one who received the most votes, was the winner of a full weekend trip to the opening of Se-

nor Frogs new location in Miami next year! The scary but lucky winner of this year was: Carolina Arias. Live music, colorful décor, conga lines, cool contests, yard-size drinks, and crazy staff antics. All this was a part of Señor Frog's mission to "save the world from boredom."

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Get ready for 'Une Affair Exceptionnelle'

The Mouton Cadet Dinner at Tulip Caribbean Brasserie

EAGLE BEACH - On Friday November 7th 2014, an evening titled Une Affair Exceptionnelle in being prepared at the charming Tulip Caribbean Brasserie, pairing award winning cuisine with world famous wines from Bordeaux, France, and not just any wines from Bordeaux, France, but the ones created by venerated Baron Philippe de Rothschild more than 80 years ago, and contemporarily produced under the original Mouton Cadet label.

The evening's reception starts at 6:30pm, and dinner will take off at 7:00pm with an Amuse Troika of little bites, cream cheese rolls with dried apricots, mini fishcakes, and chicken skewers with marinated plums among them. The troika will be paired with 2013 Le Rosé de Mouton Cadet.

The hors d'oeuvres also present an interesting trio or ternary of appetizers, such as Carpaccio of red beet with young, mild goat cheese, toasted pistachios and aged aceto-balsamico reduction, fish & banana fritters with tropical fruit relish and corn chowder with grilled scallops, accompanied by the 2012 Mouton Cadet Sauvignon Blanc.

The plat principal delivers a triplet of beef with grilled petit filet mignon with a green peppercorn



sauce, middle-eastern spiced Angus beef strip loin with red fruit marmalade, and beef lasagna topped with cheese, escorted by glazed carrots & Duchesse potatoes. The main course is perfectly paired with 2011 Mouton Cadet Vintage Edition, a wine made to facsimile the first bottles from 1930, with the same intense glittering purple color, an elegant nose, powerful fruit flavors, and vibrant tannins.

The dessert, true to the evening's theme promises

a terzetto of sweets, marinated pineapple with basil & mint, mini apple pie with caramel and local cashew cake, chased by Fiorini Moscato, Marche Italy.

The evening, dedicated to Mouton Cadet and paying homage to its creator, Baron Philippe de Rothschild, highlights the heritage, authenticity, excellence and traditional know-how of the Mouton Cadet wine-makers who rigorously select wines and grapes in the main appellations of Bordeaux and the Cotes,

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Papagayo Restaurant on the Renaissance Island, LG Smith's Steak & Chophouse and Renaissance Marina & Renaissance Ocean Suites rooms. In the meanwhile, Renaissance Resort introduces free Wifi to all guests. Wifi access is very impor-

tant, it allows the guests to be in contact with their families and loved ones and gives them the opportunity to share pictures and visit social websites. Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino also has a new website

ruba.com; this is the new portal- where visitors can start their experience. Next year, Renaissance Mall will be adding Prada, Tiffany & Co., Coach and Emporio Armani to its line of Luxury Stores. During this season, shop in a relaxing atmosphere and enjoy the breathtaking Christmas decoration. Stay connected through our social channels www.Facebook.com/RenAruba, Instagram: @RenAruba, Twit-

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No change in top 3 in playoff rankings

MARC TRACY

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On Tuesday morning, the former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice wrote on Twitter, "Today, we have the opportunity to exercise one of our most precious rights ... the right to vote. Go to your local polls and cast your ballot!"

Rice was casting another important ballot Tuesday, at the Gaylord Texan hotel near Dallas, for the second College Football Playoff rankings.

The selection committee, on which Rice is one of 12 active members, left Mississippi State, Florida State and Auburn in the top three spots and moved Oregon up one spot to round out the top four.

the goal line with just over a minute remaining in the game. Rounding out the top 10 were No. 5 Alabama, Texas Christian, Kansas State, Michigan State, Arizona State and Notre Dame at No. 10.

The final rankings, to be released Dec. 7 after several conferences hold championship games, will determine the six playoff-affiliated bowls, including the two semifinals, which will be held at the Rose Bowl and the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 1. The championship game will be held Jan. 12 at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas. The committee chairman, Jeff Long, Arkansas' athletic director, said on ESPN that the decision to seed Oregon fourth reflected

the Bulldogs to No. 20 from No. 11.

It also may be time for the Big Ten to panic. Michigan State had a bye last weekend, but instead of moving up a spot as Mississippi fell, the Spartans were leapfrogged by Kansas State, which beat Oklahoma State, 48-14. The Spartans have a home game Saturday against No. 14 Ohio State.

Notre Dame also stayed put after beating Navy, 49-39, in Landover, Maryland. Instead, Arizona State climbed to No. 9 from No. 14 after defeating No. 17 Utah at home.

Much of these preliminary rankings will become moot in the remaining weeks when several high-ranked



Auburn's Jonathan Jones (3) intercepts a pass in the end zone to secure Auburn's win in an NCAA college football game in Auburn, Ala. Auburn maintained its standing in the College Football Playoff rankings this week by holding off Mississippi on the road, 35-31.

(AP Photo/Butch Dill)

Unbeaten Mississippi State remained No. 1 after a late interception helped the host Bulldogs defeat Arkansas, 17-10. Florida State, whose No. 2 ranking last week drew skepticism from those who noted that its only two impressive wins had come in close games at home, rallied in the second half to beat Louisville, 42-31, on the road. Auburn maintained its standing by holding off Mississippi on the road, 35-31, while the Rebels fell to No. 11 from No. 4.

The committee might have taken into consideration that Mississippi's leading playmaker, the sophomore receiver Laquon Treadwell, suffered a gruesome season-ending leg injury near

the Ducks' "body of work," including a home win over No. 8 Michigan State in the season's second week and a road win over No. 18 UCLA.

Alabama has a better ranking than TCU despite identical records and comparable résumés, Long said, because of "the film."

"The committee members compared those teams, and at the end of the day we felt like Alabama, at this point, thus far in the season, is a better team," he said. Though dropping Mississippi seven spots might seem harsh, the Rebels are the highest-ranked two-loss team. The committee was harsher, perhaps, to Georgia, whose 38-20 loss to unranked Florida dropped

teams play each other. For instance, Notre Dame plays at Arizona State on Saturday. Head-to-head results are among several criteria the committee has been assigned to consider. The battle for the berth in the six playoff-affiliated bowls that is guaranteed to the so-called Group of Five conferences took a turn after East Carolina, ranked No. 23 last week, lost to Temple, 20-10, in Philadelphia. This week, the committee declined to rank any team from those conferences. Marshall (8-0) could be the next in line. At season's end, if no Group of Five conference champion is ranked in the top 25, the committee will continue ranking teams until one is. □

Big 12 may serve up Final Four-style doubleheader

Kevin Lytle

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AUSTIN, Texas -- Way back in August, Big 12 analysts pointed to a Nov. 8 showdown that could decide the league title ... only they were talking about Baylor at Oklahoma. Not Kansas State at TCU.

The Wildcats (7-1, 5-0) are the only unbeaten in league play. The Horned Frogs (7-1, 4-1) are the highest-ranked Big 12 team, and the one generating the most buzz nationally. On Saturday, first place will be on the line for clubs that were third (K-State) and seventh (TCU) in the media's preseason poll.

"We just survived one big test," TCU coach Gary Patterson said after a harrowing 31-30 victory at West Virginia, "and now we're right back in the line of fire. You want to be in this position, but it raises the stakes every week."

Baylor at Oklahoma, a matchup of preseason favorites, is still a big deal, too, giving the Big 12 a Final Four-type doubleheader involving every team still in title contention except for West Virginia, which visits Texas. For one Saturday, the Big 12 tops even the SEC, which has only one significant game, Alabama at LSU.

The almost-forgotten Bears (7-1, 4-1) can pull into a tie for first if they win for the first time in Norman and TCU takes down K-State. (The Frogs are favored by six points.) The Sooners (6-2, 3-2) can stay in contention with a victory. "We're just glad to be part of the discussion," Baylor coach Art Briles said. "We're glad to be considered a formidable foe, and we've gained a little more respect in this series in recent years."

"Since Bob (Stoops) has been there, Oklahoma has been about as impressive as anybody in America. They've been the dominant force in the Big 12. They're the mark everybody looks at and says, 'That's a pretty good place to be.'"

Three of the four teams in this Super Saturday doubleheader -- K-State, TCU and Baylor -- also are alive in the College Football Playoff race.

"There's no need for us to talk about that to the players," Wildcats coach Bill Snyder said. "With social media and everything else these days, they know. They know all about it."

It's no surprise Kansas State, TCU, Baylor and Oklahoma are jostling for Big 12 supremacy. They are the top four teams in several key statistical categories, starting with scoring offense and scoring defense, and they have quarterbacks producing at high levels.

Baylor's Bryce Petty, Kansas State's Jake Waters and TCU's Trevone Boykin line up right behind West Virginia's Clint Trickett in pass efficiency. Oklahoma's Trevor Knight is less reliable, but he just became the first FBS player this year to throw for three touchdowns and rush for three more in the same game.

"Where you find experienced quarterbacks, you'll usually find good teams," Stoops said.

Another common denominator among the Big 12 contenders is their ability to run and stop the run. The four teams in Saturday's showdowns occupy the league's top four spots in rushing defense and four of the top five in rushing offense.

"Even with all of these spread offenses, I still maintain the No. 1 thing is to take away your opponent's ground game," Patterson said.

Baylor sits pretty there, No. 1 in rushing offense and rushing defense.

In the league race, Kansas State might appear as if it's in the driver's seat at 5-0. It is not. The Wildcats have, by far, the toughest remaining schedule with trips to TCU, West Virginia and Baylor. □

Romo skips practice in London with injured back

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LONDON (AP) — Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo sat out the team's first practice in London on Wednesday because of his injured back.

Romo, who missed last Sunday's 28-17 loss to the Arizona Cardinals with his third back injury in the last 18 months, made the trip to England but stayed at the hotel while the rest of his teammates practiced at Allianz Park.

"It's just based on the feedback, and what he's told us how he feels," Cowboys coach Jason Garrett said. "Is it more worthwhile to stay there and get treatment, or come over here and watch practice and stand up for a couple of hours? It makes sense to stay there and get some treatment."

The Cowboys (6-3) face the Jacksonville Jaguars (1-8) on Sunday at Wembley

Stadium, the last of three regular-season NFL games

six snaps during practice on Wednesday. Weeden, who

2012, threw two interceptions against Arizona and

of reach. He now has 25 touchdowns and 27 interceptions in his career.

Garrett, however, remained optimistic that Romo would be ready for Sunday.

"Obviously, all these things are medical decisions. Really important for our medical team to weigh in on what our players have," Garrett said. "Getting feedback from the player, as to how they feel, how they handle the workload, is really, really important. And then you come up with what you need to do during the week to get them prepared to play their best on Sunday."

Cowboys tight end Jason Witten said Romo seemed to be on the mend after the long trip to London.

"I know he felt good from the plane," Witten said. "He's tough, he really is, so I know he's going to do everything he can (to play Sunday)."



Dallas Cowboys quarterback Brandon Weeden attends a practice session in London Wednesday Nov. 5, 2014. The Dallas Cowboys are due to play the the Jacksonville Jaguars at Wembley stadium in London on Sunday in a regular season NFL game.

(AP Photo/Dave Shopland, NFL UK)

in London this year.

Instead of Romo, backup Brandon Weeden took the

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Festive host, fervent fans and a historic race in Brazil

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The Brazilian Grand Prix, held near Sao Paulo, is one of the most celebrated, festive and historic races on the Formula One calendar. The Brazilian fans are enthusiastic, making for a major event every time the race comes to the Interlagos circuit, with Brazilian flags waving and spectators descending on the circuit in hordes. Unfortunately, however, for fans looking for activities anywhere except on

the largest city in South America, with a population of 20 million, and has a vast array of cultural, dining and music offerings as well as a number of other activities to take part in during a visit for the race weekend. The racetrack, meanwhile, has one of the best spectator viewing setups of any circuit in the world, as it is laid out on naturally dish-shaped terrain that extends beneath the grandstands. Track Action: The F1 practice sessions on Friday start at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The

Ayrton Senna and Rubens Barrichello.

For spectators who plan to stay on after the race, there is a special event a week later at the Interlagos circuit: The Ayrton Senna Institute is organizing an Ayrton Senna Racing Day, which is a charity marathon around the track to raise money for the underprivileged.

A park around the circuit can be used for walking, running or cycling, but it is usually closed during circuit events. With the area's constantly changing weather



Sports fans on the streets in the Vila Madalena area of Sao Paulo. The neighborhood will offer an active nightlife for visitors to November's Brazilian Grand Prix, one of the most celebrated, festive and historic auto races on the Formula One calendar.

(Mauricio Lima/The New York Times)

the track - which is 25 kilometers (about 16 miles) south of the city center in a somewhat dangerous suburb, with shanty towns, or favelas, not far from the track - there are no special events, no concerts, no fan attractions.

The Brazilian Grand Prix is in fact the only race on the F1 calendar at which there are no such extra fan activities, either in the circuit park area or in the city. But that does not mean that the only race in South America is of little interest for those seeking something other than the racing. The race's host city has much to offer as a travel destination. Sao Paulo is

Saturday morning practice runs from 11 a.m. to noon, with qualifying on Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. The race starts at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Of the competitions in the support races, the Porsche Challenge and the Porsche Cup will run each day.

Track Fan Activities: Local bands sometimes play at temporary tent facilities or cafes outside the circuit, so check out the periphery.

Next to the circuit is the Interlagos karting track, which is worth a visit to see where many Brazilian F1 drivers got their start. Those who once raced karts there include Nelson Piquet, Emerson Fittipaldi,

conditions - the word Interlagos means "between the lakes" - it is advisable to bring all-weather clothes: a hat, coat, sun protection and umbrella.

Special Events in the City: This year the race coincides with the end of the Sao Paulo International Motor Show on Sunday. This is an obvious visit for car lovers, and takes place at the Anhembi Exhibition Pavilion in Sao Paulo.

Night Life and Tourism: The best neighborhood for night life in Sao Paulo is Vila Madalena, which is easily accessible by subway or taxi. It is full of nightclubs, bars and restaurants featuring live music.

Rosberg looks to turn things around in Brazil

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SAO PAULO (AP) — Nico Rosberg knows he will need some help to overcome Mercedes teammate Lewis Hamilton for the Formula One title. The Brazilian Grand Prix may be where he gets some.

Hamilton won his first world title in a dramatic race in Brazil in 2008, but since then he hasn't had much luck at the Interlagos track in Sao Paulo. He failed to finish the race in two of the last three years because of collisions or mechanical problems, and was only ninth a year ago. He has never finished better than third at the track.

Hamilton has a 24-point lead over Rosberg with two races left, meaning he can secure the drivers' title with consecutive second-place finishes. A third-place finish in Brazil on Sunday and a second in the season-ending Abu Dhabi Grand Prix also would be enough. It's a comfortable advantage considering the British driver has won five in a row and Mercedes has finished 1-2 in 10 of the 17 races so far.

"My record at Interlagos hasn't actually been the best so far in terms of results, though, with only one podium all the way back in 2009," Hamilton said. "I'm hoping this weekend will be the one to change that."

The championship won't be decided in Brazil no matter what, but Rosberg needs to win the race at Interlagos and hope that Hamilton struggles so he can reduce the points-deficit and head to Abu Dhabi with a better chance of winning the title.

"Now it's up to me to make the most of these last two races and capitalize on any opportunity," Rosberg said. "It will be tough, but I'm going to give it absolutely everything I've got right up to the flag in Abu Dhabi." The 29-year-old German finished fifth at Interlagos last year, four spots ahead of his teammate. Another setback for Hamilton in Brazil this weekend could turn the title race in Rosberg's favor again and give him the chance to lift the trophy with a victory in the final grand prix.

"I've got a mixed record at this circuit but it's one I really enjoy as it's usually a really action-packed race," Rosberg said. "It would be great to give my title challenge a final boost with a good result before we head to the showdown in Abu Dhabi."

Hamilton, a 10-time winner this season, won't change his strategy despite his advantage going into the decisive races, but said he expects Rosberg to come on attack mode from the beginning.

"I expect the best from him always. I have to assume that he is going to come back strong this time," the 29-year-old Hamilton said. "I just have to keep going as hard as I can in these last two races. I'll be trying to win, as always."

Rosberg has finished second 10 times this season, including in the last three races. His last victory was at home in the German GP in July, and not being able to win again in the final part of the championship has cost him a lot in the drivers' standings.

He started from the pole in two of the last three races but wasn't able to stay in front of Hamilton.

"He was a bit too cautious, especially if the one behind you (Hamilton) is pushing and is on the same tires," said Toto Wolff, head of Mercedes-Benz Motorsport. "For Nico it is a pretty difficult situation, as he has to win the two remaining races and hope that Lewis finishes worse than P2 or that he retires."

Rosberg is fighting for the F1 championship for the first time in his career.

US officials plan to test Ebola drugs

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NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The quest for an Ebola treatment is picking up speed. U.S. officials have unveiled a plan to test multiple drugs at once, in an umbrella study with a single comparison group to give fast answers on what works.

"This is novel for us" and is an approach pioneered by cancer researchers, said Dr. Luciana Borio, head of the Food and Drug Administration's Ebola response.

"We need to learn what helps and what hurts" and speed treatments to patients, she said.

She outlined the plan Wednesday at an American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene conference.

Thousands of scientists have crowded into day and late-night sessions on Ebola, which has killed nearly 5,000 West Africans this year.

There is no treatment for Ebola, but several experimental ones such as ZMapp have been tried on a few patients, and scientists are looking at some others that were developed for dif-

ferent conditions but may also fight the virus.

"There's this tremendous urge to want to give people these experimental therapies," but it's crucial to make sure they don't do harm, said the FDA's Dr. Edward Cox.

Everyone in the umbrella

deaths are from the drug or the disease, Cox said.

Instead of waiting until a certain number of patients are treated to look at results, as is usually done, researchers will monitor results as they come in, pairing each person on a drug with someone from the



A nurse holds a dose of experimental vaccine "cAd3-EBOZ Lau" at the Lausanne University Hospital (CHUV) in Lausanne, Switzerland, Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2014. Swissmedic approved the application for a trial with an experimental Ebola vaccine at the Lausanne University Hospital (CHUV).

(AP Photo/Jean-Christophe Bott)

study would get supportive care, such as intravenous fluids, then be assigned to receive one of several drugs or be in a comparison group.

That's needed because without one, there's no way to know if any problems or

comparison group to see if a pattern can be detected.

Cox said the FDA could not name the drugs being considered, but said a meeting next week with various companies should finalize the plans.

FDA warns on mixing supplements, meds

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(HealthDay News) - Taking vitamins or other dietary supplements along with medication can be dangerous, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration warns. Dietary supplements can alter the absorption and metabolism of prescription and over-the-counter medications, the FDA said. "Some dietary supplements may increase the effect of your medication, and other dietary supplements may decrease it," Robert Mozersky, a medical officer at the FDA, explained in an agency news release.

For example, the supplement St. John's Wort can make birth control pills less effective, the FDA reported. Both the herbal supplement ginkgo biloba and vitamin E can thin blood. Mixing either supplement with the prescription blood

thinner warfarin or aspirin could increase the risk of internal bleeding or stroke, the report said.

Dietary supplements are widely used in the United States. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 2005-2008 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey found that roughly 72 million people in the United States who are on a prescription medication also took some type of dietary supplement.

Although many people take supplements to make sure they get proper nutrition, the FDA said there is no substitute for eating a healthy diet, and products labeled as "natural" or "herbal" are not necessarily harmless.

"Natural does not always mean safe," Mozersky said. This is particularly true for children, he added.

"Parents should know that children's metabolisms are so unique, that at different ages they metabolize substances at different rates. For kids, ingesting dietary supplements together with other medications make adverse events a real possibility,"

Mozersky explained. People planning to have surgery should inform their doctor of every medication and supplement they use. It may be necessary to stop taking supplements a few weeks before an operation to avoid potentially serious changes in heart rate, blood pressure or bleeding risk, the FDA said.

"The bottom line is, before you take any dietary supplement or medication -- over-the-counter or prescription -- discuss it with your health care professional," Mozersky said.

Colon cancer on the rise for adults under 50 in US

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(HealthDay News) - There's good news and bad news in the war against colon cancer: While rates have fallen among older Americans, cases among adults aged 20 to 49 are rising and expected to continue to do so, a new study finds.

Researchers analyzed U.S. National Cancer Institute data from 1975 through 2010 and found that the overall colon cancer rate for Americans fell by about 1 percent each year during that time, with a similar drop seen in men and women.

Age seemed to be a factor -- rates fell by around 1 percent annually in people aged 50 and older. However, rates rose by 2 percent per year among people aged 20 to 34 and by close to half a percent annually among those aged 35 to 49.

The study "reflects what practitioners are seeing in the real world -- two decades ago, it was rare to treat patients in their 20s, 30s or 40s for colorectal cancer. Now, unfortunately, it seems much less surprising," said Dr. David Bernstein, a gastroenterologist with North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset, N.Y.

The study also predicts that by 2020 and 2030, colon cancer rates are expected to jump by about 38 percent and 90 percent, respectively, among people aged 20 to 34, but fall by about 23 percent and 41 percent, respectively, among people older than 50.

"The increasing incidence of [colon cancer] among young adults is concerning and highlights the need to investigate potential causes and external influences such as lack of screening and behavioral factors," wrote a team led by Dr. Christina Bailey, of University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

Another expert agreed, and said the exact reasons behind the surge in colon cancer among the young remains unclear.

"Dietary and lifestyle factors in this age population needs to be carefully examined," said Dr. Jules Garbus, an attending colorectal surgeon at Winthrop-University Hospital in Mineola, N.Y. "Moreover, a genetic link to colorectal cancer clearly should be considered."

Dr. Jerald Wishner directs the Colorectal Surgery Program at Northern Westchester Hospital in Mount Kisco, N.Y. He pointed out that when it comes to colon cancer, "there are no standardized recommendations for screening patients under 50 without risk factors."

"This is further complicated by the fact that there are few early signs of colorectal cancer and many patients who present with symptoms already have advanced disease," he said.

"This explains the poor prognosis for patients who present at a younger age with symptoms."

Wishner said that younger people need to remember that even though current colonoscopy recommendations specify that the tests

begin after age 50, that "only applies to patients without risk factors for cancer."

"Many patients are unaware of what these risk factors are," he said. For that reason, "it is important for all adults to discuss their risk with their primary physician and consider early screening if there are any risk factors or symptoms."

Colon cancer remains the third most common cancer in the United States. In 2013, nearly 143,000 Americans were diagnosed with colon cancer and there were nearly 51,000 deaths from the disease, according to background information in the study.

SoundCloud signs a licensing contract with Warner Music

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SoundCloud, a streaming music service that attracts 175 million users each month, has moved one step closer to being legit in the eyes of the music industry. After months of talks, SoundCloud - which makes millions of songs available free but until recently has never paid royalties - has signed a licensing deal with the Warner Music Group, one of the three major global music companies, the two companies announced this week. Warner's thousands of acts include stars like Bruno Mars, Led Zeppelin and Kylie Minogue.

It is the first such deal that SoundCloud has struck with a major label and will guarantee that Warner artists will get paid when their music is played on SoundCloud, even in the DJ mixes and mashups that have made SoundCloud a vital outlet in the fast-moving genres of dance and hip-hop.

The deal covers artists signed to Warner's record labels, like Atlantic and Warner Bros., along with the songwriters represented by its music publishing arm, Warner/Chappell.

According to the announcement, SoundCloud will add a paid subscription tier in the first half of next year. Warner will also pay for an equity stake of 3-5 percent of the company and will also indemnify SoundCloud against past copyright infringement, according to a person briefed on the deal who spoke on condition of anonymity. "SoundCloud is a platform built on music innovation and it has a rare ability to drive music discovery while enhancing the connection and collaboration between an artist and their following," Robert Wiesenthal, the Warner Music Group's chief operating officer, said in a statement. "Our deal will foster that relationship, while providing a powerful range of income opportunities for WMG's artists and songwriters."

For the music industry, SoundCloud has been both a valuable marketing tool and a financial nuisance. Praised for its sleek design and its ability to easily share music on social media, it has become enormously popular with musicians, who often use it to reward fans with brand-new and exclusive material.

At the same time, SoundCloud has annoyed music executives because it competed with outlets like Spotify and YouTube but, unlike those outlets, paid no royalties. Last year SoundCloud, which is based in Berlin, lost \$29 million on revenues of just \$14 million, mostly drawn from the hosting fees it charges record companies and others that post large numbers of songs.

Under pressure from the music industry to generate more money, SoundCloud in August introduced a plan to add advertising to some songs, a plan that requires licensing deals from music companies. SoundCloud signed a few dozen deals with mostly smaller record companies, but the negotiations with the biggest labels - which each have demanded equity stakes - have been slow going.

Sony and Universal, the other two majors, are said to be far from signing their deals. Last week, Lucian Grainge, Universal's chairman, said at the WSJD Live Global Technology Conference that before making any licensing agreement he needed to discuss with SoundCloud "what the business plan is going to be."

The Wall Street Journal reported Tuesday that Warner and SoundCloud were nearing a deal.

Compared with the all-encompassing licensing deals that labels sign with Spotify, iTunes and other outlets, the agreement that Warner signed with SoundCloud is unusual in that it does not cover everything in the label's catalog.

Review:

Adapting to Google email a chore

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NEW YORK (AP) — My first reactions to Google's new email app, Inbox, boiled down to one part frustration, one part irritation. It's meant to make your life easier, but it's more complicated to use than Google's Gmail app.

With Inbox, you keep your Gmail email address and contacts. The Inbox app adds organizational tools. For many people, email is a place to store information. I rely on it for bills, shopping-delivery updates and travel plans. Inbox aims to improve on Gmail's information warehouse by automatically categorizing messages by subject and making them available to you at a time you prefer. It's also meant to help you search more easily on your phone.

Problem is, understanding how to use Inbox isn't intuitive. I spent hours fiddling with it and had assistance from Google that most people wouldn't have. Even after a few weeks, I still spend more time managing my email than I did with the Gmail app.

Nonetheless, I do plan on using Inbox as my primary email app because it is better at searching through emails.

Inbox is available on Apple and Android phones and Google's Chrome browser on traditional computers. The free app is technically by invite only, but it didn't take long to get mine at <http://inbox.google.com>. You need a Gmail account to use it.

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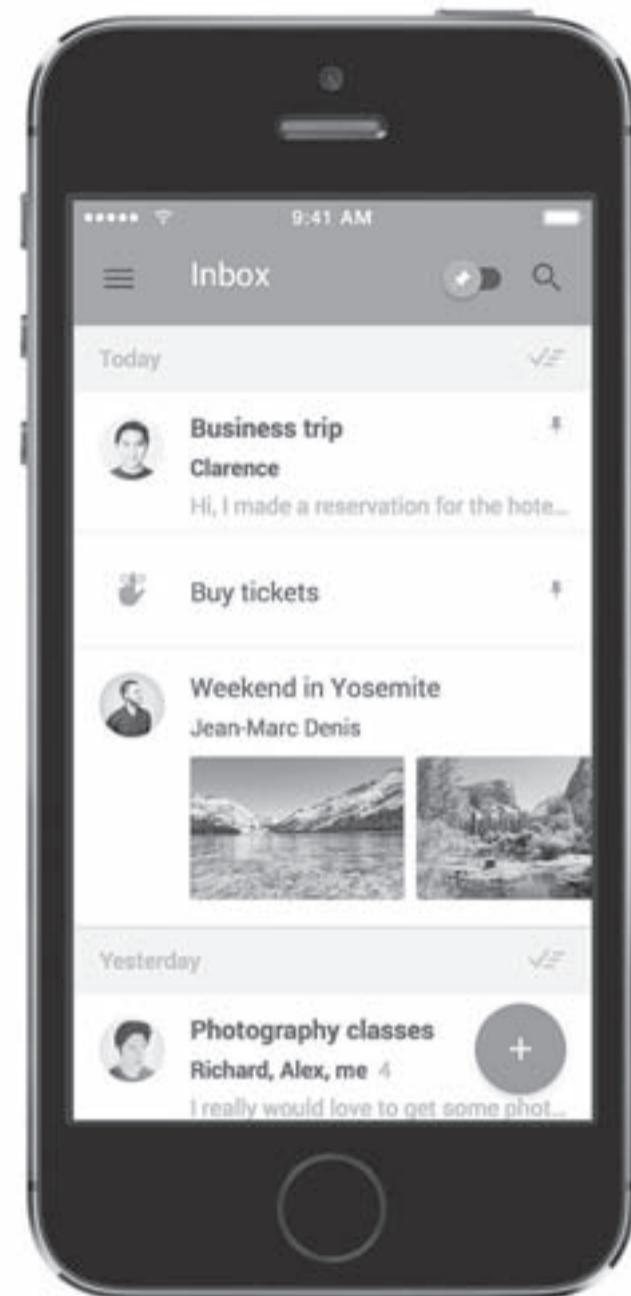
My Gmail app already sorts my email into categories: Bills, travel reservations and appointments typically wind up in Updates, while mailing-list items go to Promotions. The rest go to Primary.

Inbox goes further and calls these categories "bundles": Travel, Purchases, Finance, Social, Updates, Forums and Promos. You can also create your own labels — mine include Pics, Work, Links and Taxes

— to supposedly sort future emails automatically.

Problem: The distinctions between Google's bundles are subtle, and it doesn't always sort emails as I would

cause I restricted some bundles too much. Yes, you can manually check all your bundles, but that defeats the purpose of this feature.



This product image provided by Google shows the iPhone version of the company's Inbox app. The application is designed to make it easier for its Gmail users to find and manage important information that can often become buried in their inboxes.

(AP Photo/Google)

like them.

And for my own labels, forget it. I often have to move emails manually to their proper place, although that could improve as Inbox learns my preferences. One feature lets you hide messages from certain bundles so you're not inundated all day. For instance, I could set Promos to appear only once a day at 7 a.m., or even just Mondays at 7 a.m. However, that 7 a.m. reveal time can't be changed. I also ended up missing emails I would have liked to see right away be-

MESSAGES:

There's "pinning," "sweeping," "done" and "snoozing" functions for every email. (Eyes cross.)

Done, a check mark, is like archiving in Gmail. "Done" messages are arranged in the order you marked them Done, rather than the order you received them.

Sweeping sends a bunch of emails to Done. I accidentally shuttled my entire inbox to Done (which was alarmingly easy to do) and then found myself with a Done list topped by my oldest emails, from 2005.

US stocks gain as crude oil prices rebound

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks returned to record levels on Wednesday as a rebound in oil prices boosted energy stocks. The stock market also gained after the completion of midterm elections that saw Republicans take control of the Senate.

The direction of the stock

Devon Energy was the biggest gainer in the Standard & Poor's 500 index after it reported record oil production late Tuesday and said that its third-quarter earnings more than doubled to \$1.02 billion. The results were better than Wall Street analysts had forecast.

The stock market has returned to record levels

general trend right now in the U.S. stock market is going to be upward," said Kevin Mahn, President and Chief Investment Officer at Hennion & Walsh Asset Management. The S&P 500 rose 11.47 points, or 0.6 percent, to 2,023.57. That surpassed the previous record of 2,018.05 set on Friday. The Dow Jones industrial aver-

day to sharper dividing lines in an already divided government. Republicans gained control of the Senate and strengthened their hold on the House in a wave of Election Day victories late Tuesday. Republicans racked up Senate victories in seven states, including GOP-leaning Arkansas, Montana, South Dakota and West Virginia. Many analysts pointed out though that a divided government isn't necessarily negative for the stock market.

Evaluating data going back to 1946, analysts at S&P Capital IQ found that the stock market had its best returns when a Democratic President was opposed by a unified Republican Congress. In the eight years when that combination was in place the S&P 500 index gained an average of 15.1 percent.

The worst returns occurred when a Republican president was working with a split Congress. In that scenario, stocks rose an average of just 3.5 percent a year.

Despite this week's events in Washington, what matters more for investors when evaluating companies is the strength of their balance sheets and their earnings potential, said W. Janet Dougherty, a global investment specialist based in Chicago with J.P. Morgan Private Bank. □



Specialist Glenn Carell, center, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Stocks returned to record levels on Wednesday as a rebound in oil prices boosted energy stocks.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

market has been dictated by swings in the price of oil this week. Energy stocks plunged on Monday and Tuesday on reports that Saudi Arabia was cutting prices for U.S.-bound crude. On Wednesday, oil rebounded on a smaller-than-expected increase in overall U.S. supplies.

after a sharp slump last month. The rebound has been fueled by a combination of rising corporate earnings and evidence that the economy is maintaining its gradual recovery.

"We're within the midst of a secular bull market right now, and I do believe the

age gained 100.69 points, or 0.6 percent, to 17,484.53. The index is also at an all-time high. The Nasdaq composite fell two points, or less than 0.1 percent, to 4,620.72.

Investors also assessed the impact of the midterm elections.

America awoke Wednes-

Carlyle Group to buy Dealogic for \$700 million

WILLIAM ALDEN
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The Carlyle Group and other investors have agreed to buy Dealogic, a software and data company catering to investment banks, for about \$700 million.

Carlyle, the private equity giant based in Washington, said Wednesday it would buy Dealogic from its managers and founders, who plan to invest equity in the deal. The firm said it had teamed up with two other investors in the transaction: Euromoney Institutional Investor, a European publisher of business magazines and journals; and Randall

Winn, the co-founder and former chief executive of the data provider Capital IQ.

The acquisition of Dealogic includes two related joint ventures, Carlyle said. It is expected to close by the end of this year, subject to regulatory approval.

Dealogic was founded in 1983 in Britain by Peter Ogden, Philip Hulme and Simon Hessel. They used the equivalent of about \$47,700 of their own money, according to The Telegraph. Ogden, who was later knighted for his philanthropic contributions to education, was also a co-

founder of Computacenter, a big computer services company in Europe.

The current chief executive, Tom Fleming, came to Dealogic in 1991 when it acquired the assets of the capital markets communications business he ran. In 2004, Dealogic was planning to sell shares to the public. But the company, which is based in New York and London, remains privately held.

Dealogic sells software to help investment banks manage deals and other business operations. It also provides data on initial public offerings, mergers

and other Wall Street transactions.

"Dealogic is a globally recognized and trusted brand and its software and data platform is the de facto standard for the investment banking industry," Cam R. Dyer, a Carlyle managing director, said in a statement.

"We believe that Dealogic, with its talented management and employee base, will build on that success by introducing newly developed software products, as well as 'growing via acquisition to expand its relationships with customers,'" he added. □

Whole Foods 4Q profit tops expectations

NEW YORK (AP) — Whole Foods reported a quarterly profit that topped Wall Street expectations and shares of the organic and natural grocery chain rose. The company said Wednesday that sales rose 3.1 percent at established locations during its fiscal fourth quarter, which ran through Sept. 28. Looking ahead to its next fiscal year, it said it expects the figure to rise in the low- to mid-single digits.

As traditional supermarkets and big-box retailers muscle into the organic category, Whole Foods' sales growth has slowed and it has been fighting to more sharply define what sets it apart. That has meant trying to stay ahead of trends, such as giving customers more information about where its products come from.

Last month, for instance, it introduced a ranking system that labels produce as "good," "better" or "best" based on the supplier's farming practices. It also plans to label all products that have genetically modified ingredients by 2018.

Whole Foods is also trying to appeal to a broader audience by shaking its "Whole Paycheck" image. To bring down its prices, the company has been pushing its store brands, such as its 365 Everyday Value line. The company, which has 400 locations, said it sees potential for 1,200 locations in the United States over the long term.

For the quarter, Whole Foods Market Inc. earned \$128 million, or 35 cents per share, topping the 32 cents per share analysts expected, according to FactSet. A year ago, it earned \$121 million, or 32 cents per share. Revenue rose 9.4 percent to \$3.26 billion, in line with Wall Street expectations. It also hiked its dividend by a penny to 13 cents. Shares of Austin, Texas-based Whole Foods rose 8 percent to \$43.05 in aftermarket trading. □

Jay Z acquires champagne brand Armand de Brignac

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In his song, "Young Forever," Jay Z envisions a life where "you never get old and the Champagne's always cold." He may not be able to do much about aging, but he may be able to help with the chilled bubbly.

Just days after the British beverage giant Diageo

swapped whiskey for tequila, taking control of the Don Julio tequila brand from Jose Cuervo, a new company led by Jay Z has acquired Armand de Brignac Champagne from Sovereign Brands.

"We are proud to announce that Sovereign Brands, a New York-based wine and spirits company owned by the Berish fami-

ly, has sold its interest in the Armand de Brignac ('Ace of Spades') Champagne brand to a new company led by the globally renowned Shawn 'Jay Z' Carter," Sovereign Brands said in a statement.

Yvonne Lardner, global director of brand communications for Sovereign, added in an emailed statement: "We have had

a wonderful relationship with Jay Z throughout the years since he first discovered Armand de Brignac. He became interested in owning the brand and made us an offer we simply couldn't refuse."

Further details of the deal, including the name of Jay Z's company, were not disclosed.

Jay Z's interest in the

Champagne, nicknamed "Ace of Spades" for the logo on its label, is not new. A gold bottle appeared in his 2006 music video for "Show Me What You Got." (The Wall Street Journal reported at the time that Jay Z heard about the Champagne through a friend and liked it enough to feature it in his video.) □

Chrysler 3Q earnings up 32 pct. on rising sales

DETROIT (AP) — Chrysler Group LLC's third-quarter net profit rose 32 percent as worldwide sales continued to climb, helping the U.S. company prop up its ailing parent.

Chrysler made \$611 million in the July-through-September quarter, compared with \$464 million a year ago. Revenue rose nearly 18 percent to \$20.7 billion.

Fiat and Chrysler last month finished a five-year merger process to form Fiat Chrysler Automobiles. The Netherlands-based parent company made only \$221 million last quarter under International accounting standards, which are different from those applied in the U.S.

Chrysler said Wednesday its worldwide sales grew 18 percent in the quarter to 711,000 vehicles. Most of the increase occurred in the U.S., where retail sales grew 20 percent largely because of the new Jeep

Cherokee small SUV and Chrysler 200 sedan. Chrysler's U.S. market share also continued to grow

11 percent to 91,000. The Auburn Hills, Michigan, company raised its full-year forecast for worldwide ve-

venue of more than \$80 billion for the year.

On a conference call with analysts, Chief Financial



Rain drops coat the hood of a Jeep Grand Cherokee at Bill DeLuca's dealerships in Haverhill, Mass. Chrysler reported quarterly financial results on Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2014.

(AP Photo/Charles Krupa)

during the quarter, rising 1.1 percentage points to 12.3 percent. Outside North America, sales rose

hicle shipments by 100,000 vehicles. It now expects to ship about 2.9 million cars and trucks. It expects rev-

Officer Richard Palmer said the company's sales growth and new products selling for higher prices

should help close its profit margin gap with Detroit competitors Ford and General Motors.

Chrysler said its profit margin, the percentage of revenue it gets to keep, was 4.6 percent last quarter, but GM topped 9 percent in North America and Ford was 7.1 percent.

"We're the fastest-growing manufacturer at the moment in the U.S. marketplace," Palmer said. "As we upgrade our vehicle portfolio, we continue to focus clearly on growing market share, improving price positions."

Palmer also said that recalls increased costs by \$200 million last quarter.

On Tuesday, Fiat Chrysler reported that CEO Sergio Marchionne exercised stock options that raised his stake in the company to 12.1 million shares, or 1 percent of the company. Those were worth \$134 million at Tuesday's closing price. □

France approves GE deal for Alstom Energy business

DAVID JOLLY

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PARIS - The French government gave its formal approval on Wednesday to General Electric's \$13.5 billion deal for the energy business of Alstom, the French power and transportation company.

The approval, announced in a statement from the economy minister, Emmanuel Macron, came less than seven months after the announcement of a deal that rocked the world of French business. The government's clearance

was required because of a law enacted under Macron's predecessor, Arnaud Montebourg, that required all foreign investments in strategic sectors to be reviewed. Alstom's power-generation equipment and electrical grid businesses are top suppliers to the French nuclear energy companies Areva and Électricité de France. Macron said he was confident "that the interests of the state, the continuation of the nuclear industry and France's energy security have been fully taken into

account," according to the statement.

With the government's blessing, and with Alstom's board having approved the deal on Tuesday, all that is needed now is the backing of Alstom's shareholders at a Dec. 19 meeting and the agreement of the antitrust authorities in 20 countries, said Steve Bolze, president of GE Power & Water.

The deal is on track to close "in mid-2015," Bolze said by telephone.

"We like it more today than the day we announced it"

in April, he said, adding that the numbers from areas like providing services to Alstom's existing customers looked better than ever.

GE now generates more than 50 percent of its revenue outside the United States, he said, and with Alstom, "we'll be bigger in Europe and bigger all over the world."

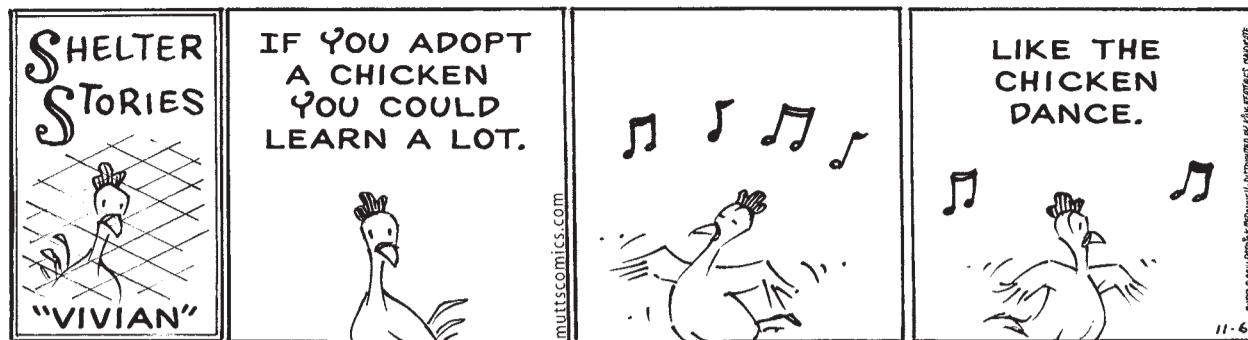
In one legacy complication, Alstom faces continuing criminal bribery investigations in the United States and Britain. Bolze declined to comment on

the matter.

Alstom's transportation unit, maker of its signature TGV high-speed trains, will be left as a stand-alone business under the Alstom name, bolstered by an infusion of cash from the deal and the transfer of GE's rail signaling business.

Alstom said Wednesday that the transportation business booked record orders from April 1 to Sept. 30, largely on the strength of a more than \$5 billion deal to overhaul South Africa's passenger railroads. □

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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Weird skull from Madagascar reveals ancient mamma

MALCOLM RITTER
AP Science Writer

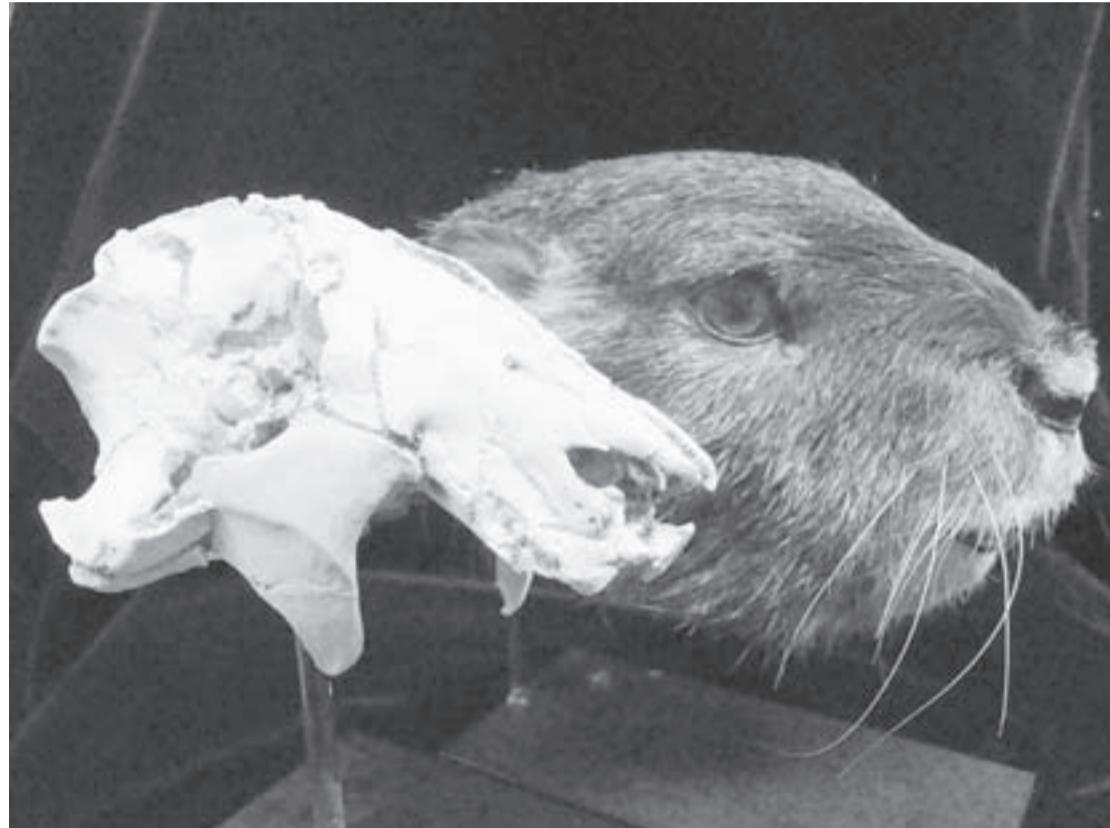
NEW YORK (AP) — During the dinosaur age most mammals were puny, generally weighing less than a pound. Now a bizarre fossil skull from Madagascar has revealed a comparative giant, one that clocked in at maybe 20 pounds (9 kilograms).

"It was a monster," said David Krause of Stony Brook University in New York, who led the discovery team. "It looks like a big groundhog."

It's the second heaviest mammal known from the dinosaur era, which ran roughly from 250 million years ago to 65 million years ago, and the most massive of that time from Southern Hemisphere.

Krause said his best guess is that the creature might have measured 20 inches (51 centimeters) to 24 inches (61 centimeters) from nose to rump. It lived sometime between 66 million and 72 million years ago.

In a paper released Wednesday by the journal *Nature*, Krause and colleagues named the creature *Vintana sertichi*. The first name, which means "luck" in the Malagasy language of Madagascar, was chosen because the skull appeared unexpectedly. When scientists did a CT scan of a large sandstone block to look



This undated image provided by Bruce Bobbins shows a cast of the skull of the mammal *Vintana sertichi*, left, made by Joseph Groenke, and a life reconstruction Gary Staab with Staab Studios. The skull of the previously unknown mammal was found in Madagascar.

(AP Photo/Stony Brook University, Joseph Groenke)

for fish fossils, "we saw this thing staring back at us," Krause said. "We were just amazed."

The second name honors Joseph Sertich, now a curator at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science, who collected the sandstone block in 2010.

The 5-inch-long skull gives scientists their first good window into a poorly understood group of ancient Southern Hemisphere mammals that had been known only from isolated

Fossilized turtle excavated in New Mexico

LAS CRUCES, New Mexico

(AP) — Fossilized remains of a turtle believed to have lived in a swampy environment tens of millions of years ago were recovered from a desert location in New Mexico. A team from the New Mexico Museum of Natural History excavated the find on federal property near the city of Truth or Consequences last week, the Las Cruces Sun-News reported this week.

The team first scoured ground at the site for loose pieces of fossilized bone and turtle shell, which were placed in bags.

Members then carefully dug around the bulk of the fossilized turtle and applied plaster to keep the remains intact while it's transported back to the museum in Albuquerque for display.

The remains were spotted by resident Jeff Dornbusch,



People from the New Mexico Museum of Natural History excavate a turtle fossil east of Turtleback Mountain, N.M., a well-known peak near Truth or Consequences. The fossilized remains of the turtle are believed to have lived in a swampy environment tens of millions of years ago.

(AP Photo/The Las Cruces Sun-News, Robin Zielinski)

who had noticed a pile of rocks while he was hiking in the area. The rocks turned out to be fragments from the turtle fossil.

"I never really knew this area as a place for marine fossils — shells and stuff in the mountains," he said.

teeth and bits of jaw. They went extinct long ago, without leaving any descendants today.

Now researchers can see a face, and it is bizarre, Krause said. The skull is very tall in comparison to its length. The eye sockets are huge. Weird flanges by the bottom jaw once anchored chewing muscles. The skull also revealed that the brain was tilted at a strange angle not seen in other animals. And it displayed an odd mix of primitive characteristics with more advanced ones.

Analysis suggests *Vintana* was an agile plant-eater with good eyesight in low light and a good sense of smell. Such abilities probably came in handy to avoid the predatory dinosaurs and other beasts that shared its environment, Krause said.

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Dornbusch alerted a U.S. Bureau of Land Management scientist about the fossils, which were found, ironically, about 6 miles (9 kilometers) east of Turtleback Mountain, a peak near Truth or Consequences.

Steve Wynn bets on 'ShowStoppers' to wow the Strip

KIMBERLY PIERCEALL

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Steve Wynn has had his fill of Cirque du Soleil and thinks Las Vegas visitors have, too. He says his new show, "ShowStoppers," will be different.

The casino-hotel developer and billionaire, who invited Siegfried & Roy on a Las Vegas stage and introduced the Strip to Cirque's acrobatics, is set on presenting the one thing he says the entertainment capital has lacked: Broadway, in a way that can't be seen anywhere else.

His "ShowStoppers" will present 20 of Broadway's most memorable songs.

During a recent interview with The Associated Press, Wynn stressed the simplicity of a single, powerful voice_no gimmicks, no technological support — when he talked about the allure of the show he has personally produced and helped write.

Tickets will cost \$90 each and go on sale Thursday. Shows in the 1,480-seat Encore theater begin Dec. 16.

Wynn says the show — its 34 dancers and singers and 30-piece orchestra, plus costumes and sets — will cost him \$10 million, a bargain compared to the \$100 million to \$200 million it can cost to retrofit a theater for an elaborate Cirque du Soleil production, he said.

The 72-year-old casino-hotel developer said it's not a show for the 20-year-olds but rather a 40-plus crowd. His love of Broadway runs deep. He attended the University of Pennsylvania from 1959 to 1963, a couple hours commute to New York's theater district, "right smack in the middle of the golden age of Broadway," he said.

Wynn has tried to bring Broadway to the Strip before. He lured "Avenue Q" to the Wynn resort after its Tony Award-winning run, keeping the production from touring the country, and later staged "Monty Python's Spamalot." □

Brokaw sports special looks at hunting season

DAVID BAUDER

AP Television Writer

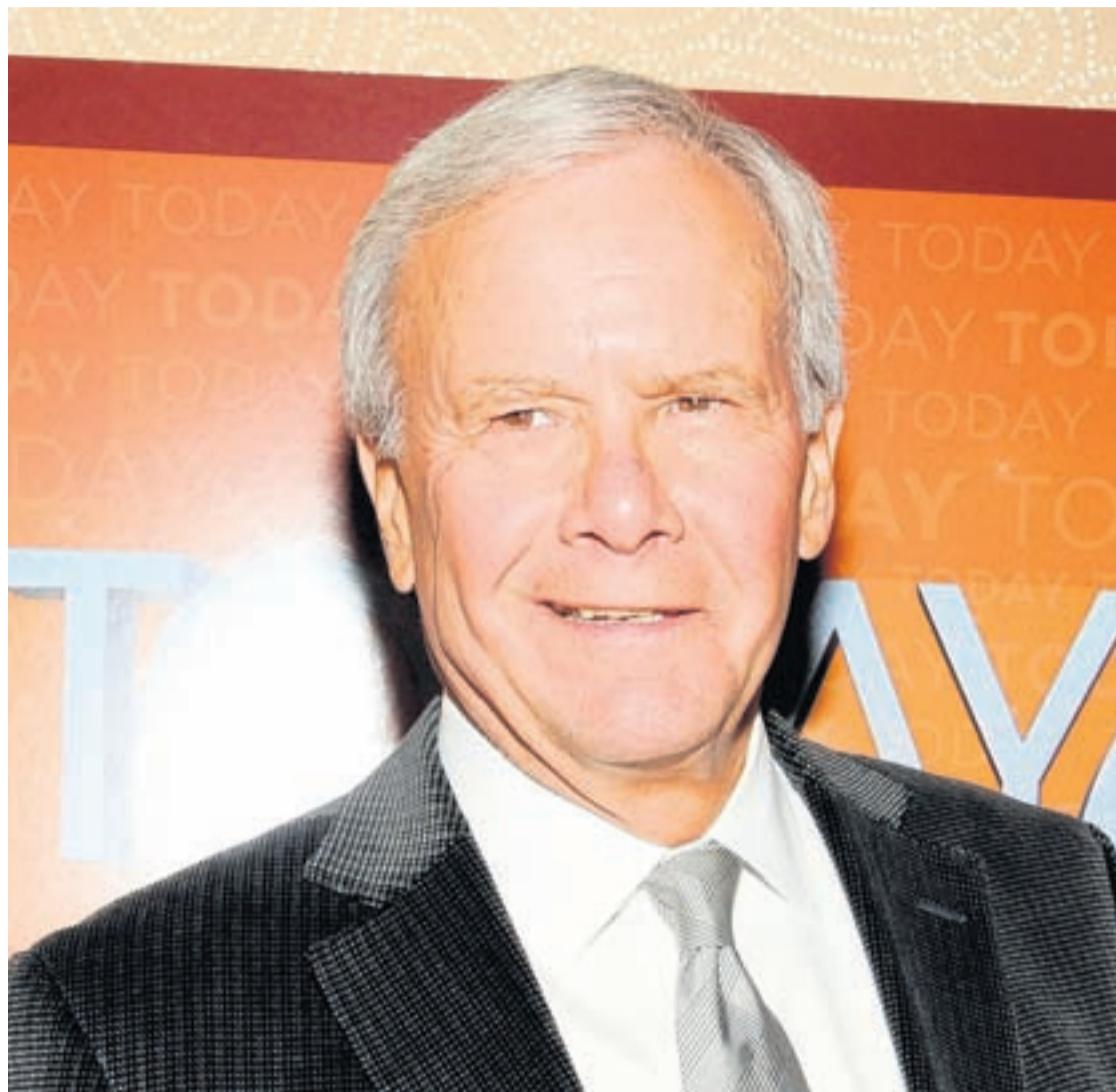
NEW YORK (AP) — Tom Brokaw will take NBC Sports Network viewers with him

airing at 11 p.m. ET on Wednesday, Nov. 19, after a hockey game.

The program examines traditions around the be-

ever and goes out with fellow hunters including Ted Turner.

Brokaw got rid of his guns while living in Los Angeles



NBC News special correspondent and former "Today" show host Tom Brokaw attending the "Today" show 60th anniversary celebration at the Edison Ballroom in New York. Brokaw will host "Opening Day," airing at 11 p.m. ET on Wednesday, Nov. 19, after a hockey game.

(AP Photo/Evan Agostini)

on a trip to his native South Dakota for pheasant hunting season, a special that could become the template for a regular series.

The veteran NBC anchor hosts "Opening Day,"

ginning of hunting season, which is a big business in South Dakota. Brokaw details how the state made itself a destination, visits the annual dinner of the hunters' group Pheasants For-

during the tumultuous year of 1968. But he took up hunting again a couple of decades later, usually accompanied by his bird dog Sage. Brokaw, who splits his time between New York

and Montana, looks forward to opening day as a way to connect each year with friends he grew up with. "I stay in the small towns, and it's revisiting my youth," he said.

South Dakota has cultivated businesses surrounding the opening of pheasant hunting season, making it a destination for hunters around the country each year on the third Saturday of October.

"The state just gets it," he said.

Turning his outings into TV isn't new for Brokaw. For years, an annual fishing trip he conducts with pals like Michael Keaton has been chronicled on "Buccaneers & Bones," a series on the Outdoor Channel.

If the "Opening Day" special works well, the idea could spread to examine the culture around other sports and traditions, according to NBC Sports.

Brokaw, 74, keeps busy while undergoing chemotherapy for multiple myeloma, a cancer affecting blood cells in the bone marrow. He worked on Election Night on Tuesday, where an alarm on his cellphone went off while he was on the air at MSNBC. He quickly made light of the gaffe by taking out the phone and pretending to take a grocery list.

"I'm near the end of the treatment and I'm very encouraged by the process," he said. □

Connelly has another winner with 'Burning Room'

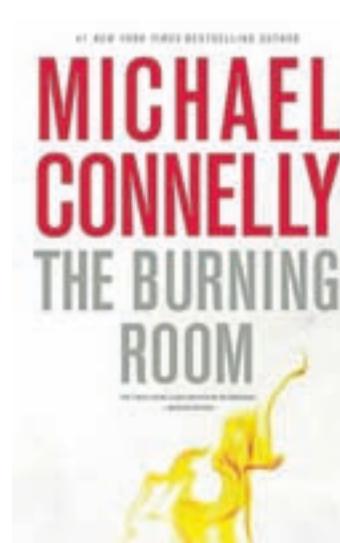
JEFF AYERS

Associated Press

"The Burning Room" (Little, Brown and Co.), by Michael Connelly.

Harry Bosch and his rookie partner tackle a cold case with present-day ramifications in Michael Connelly's latest novel, "The Burning Room."

Ten years ago, a man was shot and paralyzed. The bullet couldn't be removed. When the man dies, LAPD Detective Harry Bosch and Detective Lucy Soto are assigned to track down the shooter. Filtering through the cranks and le-



This book cover image released by Little, Brown and Co. shows "The Burning Room," by Michael Connelly.

(AP Photo/Little, Brown and Co.)

gitimate calls proves to be challenging, but what they uncover leads to the possibility that the victim might not have been the target, and the shooting might tie into the mayoral election all those years ago.

While on this case, Detective Soto quietly works on a cold case of her own. She wants to solve a crime that has eluded her for a long time: an arson fire and the death of several people. The solution holds a personal interest because she was one of the survivors of that night. When she persuades Bosch to help, he

puts his reputation and job on the line to find the answers to mysteries the men responsible would prefer remain secret.

Connelly is one of the best crime writers in the business, and he continues to tell compelling character-driven tales. The authentic police work and slow burn of the narrative turns this potentially ordinary crime story into something much more. Connelly has the magic touch, and "The Burning Room" is sure to be another best-seller that fans and newcomers alike will enjoy. □

Japanese animation master to accept honorary Oscar

SANDY COHEN

AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hayao Miyazaki is retiring from feature filmmaking, but the 73-year-old writer, director and animator says he'll make movies for the rest of his life.

An Oscar winner for his 2002 film, "Spirited Away," Miyazaki will accept an honorary Academy Award on Saturday at the film academy's Governors

Awards. Actress Maureen O'Hara, screenwriter Jean-Claude Carriere and Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award winner Harry Belafonte will also receive honorary Oscar statuettes at the private ceremony.

"It's an honor to receive this award," Miyazaki said through a translator, adding that he's not looking forward to the trip to the United States from his native Japan. "It's going to

be a bit of a bothersome thing for me to travel."

What he prefers to do is draw, write and tell stories, though doing so in a feature-length format has become physically challenging, he said.

"It became very difficult for me to concentrate for such a long time that it takes to make a whole film, to concentrate that much," he said. "I loved making feature-length

films to be shown in theaters and making animation films, and my thought was to hand that over to the next generation."

Now he's turning his attention to animated shorts to be shown at the Ghibli Museum he designed and founded in Japan.

"One of the good points of making such short films is that I don't have to worry about it having financial success," he said. "The

people who come to the museum are forced to see this film when they go into the little theater there. So even if it's a little bit boring, they'll probably sit through it and not raise a fuss." Miyazaki's feature-film credits include 2013's "The Wind Rises" and 2005's "Howl's Moving Castle," both of which earned Oscar nominations, along with 2008's "Ponyo" and 1997's "Princess Mononoke." □

Daniels, Munn and team bid farewell to 'Newsroom'

MIKE CIDONI LENNOX

AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — There were neither tears nor cheers at this TV-season premiere.

That's partly because the cast and crew of HBO's drama series "The Newsroom" had already moved on. They wrapped the finale weeks ago.

The party Tuesday night at the Directors Guild in Hollywood was simply to kick off the show's third and last season, which premieres Sunday (9 p.m. EST), and to say "good show" one last time.

"The bittersweet part is the people," said Jeff Daniels, who portrays the star anchor of a cable-news network struggling with more than ratings. "This was a good group."

"The Newsroom" debuted in June 2012 to much fanfare and strong ratings. But critics were out-of-the-gate mixed on the series, and fans began to tune out as the first season came to a close. The

second season earned generally stronger reviews, and its premiere saw rat-

The network gave a green light to a truncated third and final "Newsroom"

of television. And it was our choice. We wanted to go out this way. And I think



Olivia Munn arrives at "The Newsroom" Season Three Premiere on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2014, in Los Angeles.

ings rebound — though it eventually became clear the show would never become one of HBO's block-busters, such as Alan Poul's own "Six Feet Under."

season, which is not to be confused with a cancellation, Poul said. "You don't spend the money for a season of television unless you want to make that season

we're going out as strong as we've ever been." Season three deals with dilemmas surrounding reporting on the Boston Marathon bombings. Net-

work brass face a possible hostile takeover. One key character's career may be destroyed after a leak of classified government documents.

Co-star Olivia Munn said the series' legacy is that it inspired a new crop of journalists. It made viewers "really fascinated with the guy sitting behind the news desk and the girl writing that column," Munn said. "So I think that was really an exciting thing, and I think it was a great thing." Daniels said spending three seasons walking in a reporter's shoes left him with a greater appreciation of the challenges facing journalists.

"The struggle these guys have between being right and being first," Daniels said. "It's so difficult now with Twitter, with Facebook. When news breaks, a lot of people go there instead of waiting for journalists to tell you what's really going on or what's true. And the real guys battle that every single day." □

Chicago Lucas museum: 'palace for Jabba the Hutt'?

CHICAGO (AP) — The sketches of "Star Wars" creator George Lucas' Chicago museum show a flowing white building topped with a hovering ring. The newly unveiled architectural designs for the Lucas Museum of Narrative Art were drawing a range of reaction on Wednesday, from snide comments to forthright admiration. "It looks like a palace for Jabba the Hutt. I was wondering what

planet we are on," Chicago Alderman Bob Fioretti, who's challenging Mayor Rahm Emanuel in the mayor's race next year, told the Chicago Sun-Times. Online design site Co.Design was more generous, comparing the architectural concept to "an Egyptian pyramid reimagined for the year 2020."

The Beijing-based principal designer, Ma Yansong of MAD Architects, released

the first sketches Tuesday. The seven-story museum will be located between Soldier Field and McCormick Place on Lake Michigan. It's expected to cost about \$400 million. Ma has said it's the most important project of his career to date. "Inspired by the work of Frank Lloyd Wright and Mies van der Rohe, the design integrates the natural beauty of the park and Lake Michigan with the

powerful man-made architecture of Chicago," MAD Architects said in a statement on the firm's website. When Lucas announced the design team in July, he called them "some of the top architects in the world." "I am thrilled with the architectural team's vision for the building and the surrounding green space. I look forward to presenting our design to the Chicago community," Lucas said in

the July 28 statement. Chicago-based Studio Gang is doing the landscape design, including a bridge to connect the museum with Northerly Island. Chicago-based VOA Associates is leading the implementation of the design. Ma's previous work includes Absolute Towers in Ontario, Canada; the Ordos Museum in Ordos, China; and Chaoyang Park Plaza in Beijing, China. □

Apologizing To Japan



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TOKYO - For almost two decades, Japan has been held up as a cautionary tale, an object lesson on how not to run an advanced economy. After all, the island nation is the rising superpower that stumbled. One day, it seemed, it was on the road to high-tech domination of the world economy; the next it was suffering from seemingly endless stagnation and deflation. And Western economists were scathing in their criticisms of Japanese policy.

I was one of those critics; Ben Bernanke, who went on to become chairman of the Federal Reserve, was another. And these days, I often find myself thinking that we ought to apologize.

Now, I'm not saying that our economic analysis was wrong. The paper I published in 1998 about Japan's "liquidity trap," or the paper Bernanke published in 2000 urging Japanese policymakers to show "Roosveltian resolve" in confronting their problems, have aged fairly well. In fact, in some ways they look more relevant than ever now that much of the West has fallen into a prolonged slump very similar to Japan's experience.

The point, however, is that the West has, in fact, fallen into a slump similar to Japan's - but worse. And that wasn't supposed to happen. In the 1990s, we assumed that if the United States and Western Europe found themselves facing anything like Japan's problems, we would respond much more effectively than the Japanese had. But we didn't, even though we had Japan's experience to guide us. On the contrary, Western policies since 2008 have been so inadequate if not actively counterproductive that Japan's failings seem minor in comparison. And Western workers have experienced a level of suffering that Japan has managed to avoid.

What policy failures am I talking about? Start with government spending. Everyone knows that in the early 1990s Japan tried to boost its economy with a surge in public investment; it's less well-known that public investment fell rapidly after 1996 even as the government raised taxes, undermining progress toward recovery. This was a big mistake, but it pales by comparison with Europe's hugely destructive austerity policies or the collapse in infrastructure spending instead. □

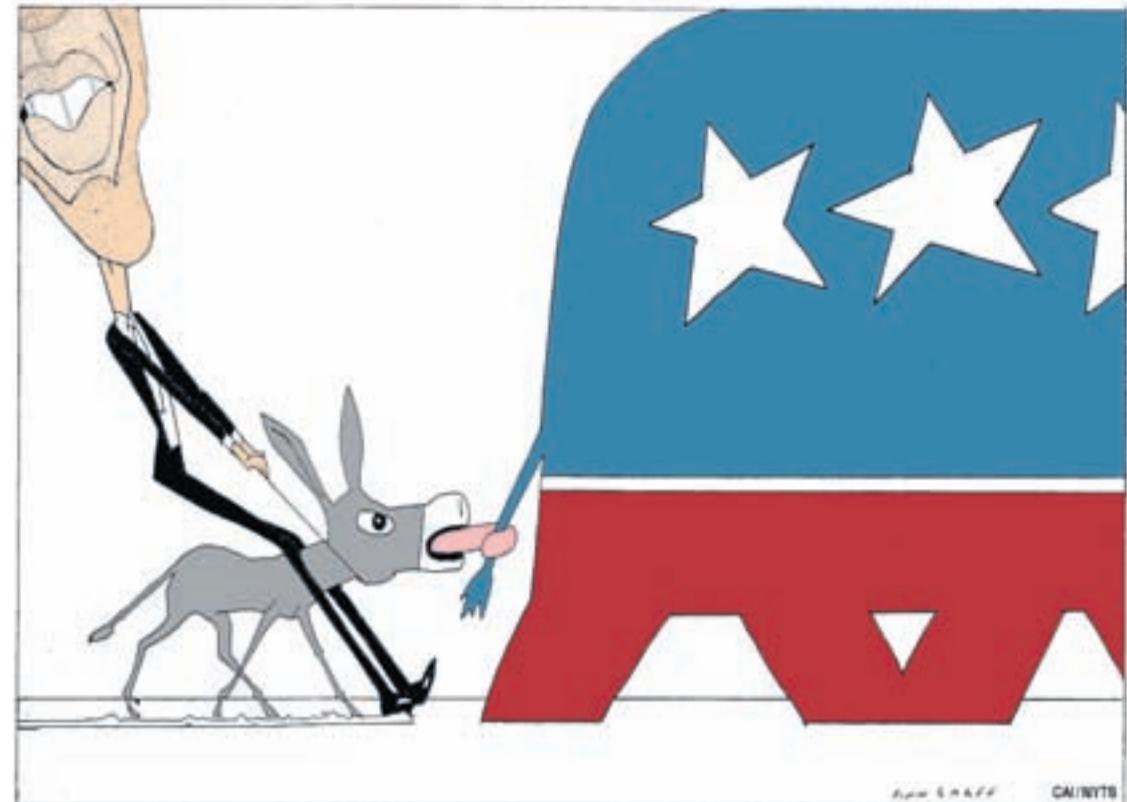
in the United States after 2010. Japanese fiscal policy didn't do enough to help growth; Western fiscal policy actively destroyed growth.

Or consider monetary policy. The Bank of Japan, Japan's equivalent of the Federal Reserve, has received a lot of criticism for reacting too slowly to the slide into deflation and then for being too eager to raise interest rates at the first hint of recovery. That criticism is fair, but Japan's central bank never did anything as wrongheaded as the European Central Bank's decision to raise rates in 2011, helping to send Europe back into recession. And even that mistake is trivial compared with the awesomely wrongheaded behavior of the Riksbank, Sweden's central bank, which raised rates despite below-target inflation and relatively high unemployment and appears, at this point, to have pushed Sweden into outright deflation. The Swedish case is especially striking because the Riksbank chose to ignore one of its own deputy governors: Lars Svensson, a world-class monetary economist who had worked extensively on Japan and who had warned his colleagues that premature rate increases would have exactly the effects they did, in fact, have.

So there are really two questions here. First, why has everyone seemed to get this so wrong? Second, why has the West, with all its famous economists - not to mention the ability to learn from Japan's woe - made an even worse mess than Japan did?

The answer to the first question, I think, is that responding effectively to depression conditions requires abandoning conventional respectability. Policies that would ordinarily be prudent and virtuous, like balancing the budget or taking a firm stand against inflation, become recipes for a deeper slump. And it's very hard to persuade influential people to make that adjustment - just look at the Washington establishment's inability to give up on its deficit obsession.

As for why the West has done even worse than Japan, I suspect that it's about the deep divisions within our societies. In America, conservatives have blocked efforts to fight unemployment out of a general hostility to government, especially a government that does anything to help Those People. In Europe, Germany has insisted on hard money and austerity largely because the German public is intensely hostile to anything that could be called a bailout of southern Europe. I'll be writing more soon about what's happening in Japan now, and the new lessons the West should be learning. For now, here's what you should know: Japan used to be a cautionary tale, but the rest of us have messed up so badly that it almost looks like a role model instead. □



Teenagers Stand Up to Backpage



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If prostitution of children is illegal, why is it that we allow an estimated 100,000 underage girls and boys to be sold for sex in America each year - many on a single U.S. website, Backpage.com? That's a reflection of law enforcement priorities, but several brave girls who allege that they were pimped on Backpage are trying to change them. They are fighting back in lawsuits that could have far-reaching implications for sex trafficking in America.

Two young women who say they were each sold on Backpage at age 15, and raped hundreds of times as a result, are suing the company in Boston in federal court. Another suit is winding its way through Washington state courts, pursued by three girls who say they, too, were sold for sex on Backpage - in the case of two of them, when they were 13 years old. The girls in the federal suit are represented pro bono by a major Boston law firm, Ropes & Gray, which has five lawyers on the case. The suit charges that Backpage has "perfected a business model that profits substantially from aiding and participating with pimps and traffickers in the sexual exploitation of children."

"When on Backpage, I was ad-

vertised in the same way as a car or a phone, but with even less value than a bike," says one of the girls who is a plaintiff in the federal suit. "Men would view their options, and if I seemed like the best one, they would call."

Now 17, she says she was sold for sex on Backpage when she was 15 and 16; she estimates that she was raped 1,000 times as a result. She is seeking damages and whatever injunctions the court finds appropriate, but she is not explicitly seeking to close down the entire Backpage site.

Some readers may scoff that this is about censorship of free speech. No, it's about human rights - because one of the most searing rights abuses in America is the sexual exploitation of children.

Nor is the issue prostitution. Whatever one thinks of legalizing sexual transactions among adults, we should all be able to agree that children shouldn't be peddled like pizzas.

The federal suit lays out what it says is a pattern of Backpage blocking efforts by police or families to trace missing girls and boys. According to the suit, Backpage systematically scrubs photos in sex ads of metadata that would allow authorities to track down people in them.

Backpage also makes it hard to search for missing girls by allowing scrambled phone numbers in sex ads. If you sell a dog on Backpage in the pet section, you must post a numeric phone number; sell sex with a girl, and you can use a nonsearchable version - such as zero12-345-six-78nine - that makes it more difficult for police or family members to locate a missing child with a simple Internet search.

Likewise, Backpage allows ads to be paid for with untraceable credit cards or even with Bitcoin. It doesn't require any age verification or real names.

I first wrote about Backpage a few years ago when it was

used to advertise a 13-year-old girl being enslaved in Brooklyn, New York. One day the pimp dropped her off at an apartment building and waited at the entrance to make sure she did not run. She hurt too much to endure another rape, so instead of going to the apartment that had ordered her, she randomly pounded on another door and begged to use the telephone. She called her mother, and then dialed 911. The pimp is now in prison, but Backpage profited on the ad - as it always does.

Attorneys general from 48 states have written a joint letter to Backpage, pleading with it to stop exploiting children.

Liz McDougall, the lawyer for Backpage, declined to comment on the allegations in the lawsuits, but she told me: "We remain committed to effective measures of prevention and successful prosecution of this heinous crime."

That's absurd. Backpage claims to report possible sex-trafficking cases, but Yiota Souras, the general counsel of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, says that "Backpage's reporting is not conducted in good faith." Souras says that if parents report to Backpage that their teenage daughters are being sold on the site, the company doesn't always remove the ads or prevent new ads for the children from being posted.

The lawsuit says Backpage floods the authorities with reports of possible underage girls to pretend to be helpful, while actually impeding the effort. Meanwhile, Backpage refuses to use screening software that might actually detect ads for underage girls.

Americans rightly waxed indignant at the way the Roman Catholic Church or Penn State turned a blind eye to the sexual abuse of minors. But our entire society does the same thing. Isn't it time to stop? □

Challenge at Mission Peak: Finding a Place to Park

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FREMONT, Calif. - At three miles long and 2,000 feet in elevation, the hike up Mission Peak is not for the faint of heart: The trail is dry and nearly bald, and climbing it can be painfully hot. The incline near the top is rocky and preposterously steep. But for those who make it

to climb Mission Peak, and there are only 42 parking spaces. In a community of \$2 million villas whose residents thought they were buying serenity, hundreds of hikers park along the streets.

"I don't mind people coming, but they block part of my driveway," said William Hsu, who retired from the

dent of the National Recreation and Park Association, a nonprofit group that promotes public parks. "I know of no place that is exactly like what they're experiencing there."

The park district is also trying to influence human behavior. Its website trumpets "other challenging trails" in the area. It recommends

though they had reached Everest's summit.

Unlike other Northern California parks, Mission Peak draws a crowd that reflects the local population. Fremont, a sprawling city southeast of San Francisco and close to Silicon Valley, is 50 percent Asian - mostly Indian, Chinese and Filipino. Nearby San Jose is 33

percent Latino.

"The majority of users of trails in the United States are overwhelmingly Caucasian," said Gregory Miller, president of the American Hiking Society, an organization of hiking groups and individuals.

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ships," said Michelle Juilene, an East Bay Regional Park District planner. They discovered Mission Peak.

The East Bay Regional Park District has proposed a 300-car lot for the trail, but residents suspect that more parking will draw more hikers, a hypothesis supported by a park district study.

Sukhmander Singh, a civil engineering professor at Santa Clara University who lives in the neighborhood, understands why people flock to Mission Peak.

"We all need to have good health - it humanizes us," he said. But, he added, "There is no tranquility among the noise."

The mayor of Fremont, Bill Harrison, said he saw both sides. The neighbors "want us to close it down, to take away an attractive nuisance," he said.

"I get that, but this is a park," he said. "It's open to the public."

A few of the people who hike Mission Peak regularly express little sympathy for the beleaguered neighbors or the park officials trying to strike a compromise.

"They're pandering to the very wealthy homeowners," said William Yragui, 59, who hikes the trail three times a week. "This is totally contrary to the reason you have public parks and open space."

His hiking buddy, Kelly Abreu, 54, said: "There is no overcrowding inside the park. It's only on the streets."

Dapinder Takhar, 25, who said his doctor recommended he take up hiking for health reasons, has climbed Mission Peak 22 times since January. Now, he said, "I'm more fit than I've ever been."

But the challenge is not for everyone. Some hikers arrive unprepared, in flip-flops and without water. Every weekend, park rangers and the police take calls from exhausted hikers with sprained ankles or knee problems, whom they must drive down to the foot of the trail. Last year, five dogs died because hikers failed to give them water. □



Erika Medina photographs her friend Ana Reyes, celebrating their ascent to the summit of Mission Peak, in Fremont, Calif. At three miles long and 2,000 feet in elevation, the trail to the peak is not for the faint of heart, but its popularity has become a nuisance for the neighborhood, with 1,500 to 2,000 hikers showing up on weekends, but only 42 parking spaces available.

(Jim Wilson/The New York Times)

to the top, the payoff is big. In addition to a panoramic view of San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose and, sometimes, the Sierra Nevada mountains set off against a cornflower sky, there is a pole to climb, one where hikers can pose in a victory stance for a photograph that proves they made it. About four years ago, cell-phone images of climbers on the pole near the peak with arms outstretched like eagle wings began cropping up on Facebook, Instagram, Yelp and even dating sites.

But what has become a rite of passage for some has turned into a nuisance for the neighborhood. Every Saturday and Sunday, 1,500 to 2,000 people come

tech industry and lives by the park. On weekends and summer days, he said, "friends and relatives can't come over" because there is no place to park.

The East Bay Regional Park District, which operates Mission Peak, shares the neighbors' concerns. In late September, the hours that the trail is open to hikers were cut back, and the reasons cited were parking problems, curfew violations, more visitors and "severe trail erosion." Right now, the park is free and open to all, but administrators are considering fees and permits.

"It's a park that's being loved to death," said Richard Dolesh, a vice presi-

another way up Mission Peak - one with adequate parking, shade from oak trees and a gentler climb. But most hikers seem to prefer the tougher workout. "It's a bit more strenuous than cardio at the gym," said Wei Lei, 29, who was dripping with sweat as he sat on the side of the trail to catch his breath on a recent morning.

"It was hard," said Chaa-liyah Rankins, 8, while her father, Aaron Price, 31, looked on with an approving smile. This "extreme hike clears your head," he said. "It's good for self-motivation," he added.

They showed off the picture that nearly everyone captures: of themselves at the peak, looking as

percent Latino.

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